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## Father faces felony child abuse charges

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

Two days after being arraigned on misdemeanor charges of abusing his 7-year-old stepdaughter, a Canton man was back in court Friday facing felony charges he abused his 8-week-old daughter.

Vincent Joel French II, 33, was arraigned in 35th District Court on two counts of child abuse, first degree.

The charges come after his daughter was taken to a local hospital Oct. 12 and found to have a fractured femur and several fractured ribs that were healing. Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy charged French with inflicting the injuries on the baby.

First-degree child abuse



French

carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

French had already been jailed on a \$10,000 cash bond after being arraigned in 35th District Court on charges of fourth-degree child abuse and domestic violence involving the 7-year-old child, Detective Sgt. Chad Baugh said.

French is expected back in court Nov. 7, before Judge Ron Lowe, for his preliminary exam on the felony charges. His exam on the misdemeanors is

Nov. 14, a court clerk said.

French has been described by Canton police as a 6-foot-2, 280-pound man. The allegations against him involve physical violence.

Baugh said the incidents allegedly occurred at The Crossings, an apartment complex southeast of Joy and I-275 on Canton's far north side. Baugh said the children's mother has been cooperating with police.

The baby, the stepdaughter

and a 9-year-old stepson, who apparently wasn't injured, have been placed in protective custody as the case continues to unfold, Baugh said.

Canton police learned of the alleged abuse after a hospital where the 8-week-old baby was taken contacted Child Protective Services, which, in turn, notified Canton police.

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Chico Rodriguez talks with Deb Zevalkink. Deb, a retired Canton Township employee, has a new business, Stella & Dot Jewelry.

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## District releases plan for middle school boundaries

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

If you haven't heard the term "cohorts of kids" before, you might want to look it up.

It's a term parents of elementary and middle school-aged children are going to hear a lot the next few weeks as administrators in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district roll out their recommendations for boundary changes for the 2015-16 school year.

Though it obviously wasn't the only consideration, cohorts of kids – the grouping of students from the same neighborhoods moving together from elementary school to middle school – was one of the largest factors as the district's boundary steering committee considered setting the new boundaries for its five middle schools next year.

Members of the district's Board of Education were given the recommendations Friday and are expected to consider them at Tuesday's meeting. The board saw a presentation on the committee's elementary school recommendations last week. The board is expected to vote on the entire package Nov. 11.

**Futures undecided**

The changes were prompted by the building of a new middle school in Canton, where some 76 percent of the student population resides, and the recommended closing of Allen and Gallimore elementaries and the Tanger Center. Gallimore will be re-purposed to house the district's elementary TAG program, currently housed at Mil-

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## Annual chamber Consumer Expo links businesses, customers

By Darrell Clem  
Staff Writer

It seemed more like Main Street, U.S.A., than Canton's Summit on the Park ballroom.

Travel companies, jewelers, restaurateurs, insurance agents, fitness gurus, photography studios and financial institutions rolled out their collective welcome mat as hundreds of visitors toured the Chamber of Commerce's Consumer Expo.

Canton residents Ed and Diane Krzeminski sampled Twisted Rooster's pork lollipops braised in Dr. Pepper barbecue sauce as they wandered among nearly 60 booths touting businesses, schools, nonprofits and health care

providers.

"We just wanted to get some information on what some of the local businesses are doing," said Ed Krzeminski, Canton High School football field announcer.

And with nine eateries in one place, Diane Krzeminski said she hoped to get some dining out ideas.

That's exactly what chamber President Thomas Paden hoped to accomplish – linking businesses to potential customers – during Consumer Expo.

"We hope we connect our merchants to new customers here in the Canton community," he said.



See EXPO, Page A2 Angela Vettraino of Two Men And A Truck will help you move.

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## Allen families confounded by boundary recommendations

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

When Maureen Molloy stood before the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education on Sept. 23, she was there at the invitation of Superintendent Dr. Michael Meissen, who was using Molloy's school, Allen Elementary, as one of the "Points of Pride" he has begun introducing at board meetings this year.

Molloy, the principal at Allen, was there to talk about academic achievements, particularly in the area of science,

her students and teachers have made this year.

As part of the presentation, Meissen said "tremendous results have been achieved for our kids" at Allen. And when Molloy was done, various board members lauded the performance of Allen's students. Board Treasurer Mark Horvath, a big fan of statistical evidence, said student performance can generally be predicted using established indicators.

"But every time I try to do that at Allen, the prediction is too low," Horvath said. "Whatever we use to predict student

performance, Allen comes out so far above the norms."

**Caught by surprise**

Two weeks later, the district's boundary study steering committee recommended closing Allen as part of the right-sizing project upon which the district is embarking as it redistricts its schools in advance of opening a new middle school next year.

The juxtaposition caught unwary Allen

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### PUBLIC FORUMS

Plymouth-Canton administrators will present recommendations for middle school boundaries twice this week.

» Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m. – The Board of Education receives the recommendation at its meeting at Canton High School. The meeting was moved to Canton High School in anticipation of large crowds.

» Thursday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m. – A community forum takes place at Discovery Middle School, on Hanford near Canton Center.



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Joanne Darga of Comfort Keepers helps those who need help with life's everyday needs.

## EXPO

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Linda Robin, owner of Showroom of Elegance, showcased jewelry as visitors stopped by to browse.

"We hope to get our name out there in the community and entice people to come to our store, especially for the holiday season," Robin said.

Serenity Day Spas owner Nancy Williams greeted visitors as mas-



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Viva Las Vegas, or anywhere else. Sally Bailey and Luann Podrasky, of Sally's Cruises and Travel, can get you there.

sage specialist Juan Lucero worked his magic on another lucky recipient who sat in a specially designed chair. Williams opened her business about a year ago.

"We want everyone to know we're here," she said. "We booked two appointments within the

first 10 minutes (of Consumer Expo)."

Residents Mike and Barbara Kemper had gone to get their flu shots at a local health facility when they saw a sign for Consumer Expo and decided to check it out. They collected bags of free goodies and she

locked in on Comfort Keepers, which provides services such as in-home care for seniors.

"I know some people who are home-bound," Barbara Kemper said, "and (Comfort Keepers) will do things like run errands and do light housework."

Don and Paula Cole, owners of Big Frog custom T-shirts, sought to draw new customers seeking to have their own ideas created on T-shirts.

"This is a chance for us to network with the business community and market ourselves to potential customers," Don Cole said.

Holiday Inn Express employee Dawn Haworth had a booth amid hopes of ratcheting up business. "We want to get our name out there," she said.

Paden made his rounds as chamber president and said the annual Consumer Expo was exceeding expectations. He also voiced appreciation for major event sponsors Jack Demmer Ford, Showroom of Elegance, Twisted Rooster and Sam's Club.

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## MIDDLE

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ler and Dodson elementaries, and the Infant, Preschool and Toddler program currently at Tanger.

The futures of the Tanger Center and Allen haven't yet been decided. Moving the kids together cuts way back on the fragmented nature of some school populations that currently exist, according to Kurt Tyszkiewicz, the district's executive director for staffing, student services and policy who chaired the boundary steering committee.

"There's a continuous flow of where kids are (under the new plan)," Tyszkiewicz said. "It's more uniform. We're not just pulling from all over.

We tried not to split neighborhoods up and we even brought a couple of neighborhoods back together."

Administrators are focusing on an average size of some 750 students for each middle school. Under the new recommendation, all of the middle schools will basically meet that goal, with the exception of Discovery Middle School, which was built for a capacity of 1,000 students and has operated at or above capacity since it opened. Under the new plan, Discovery is projected to have some 900 students.

### Where they live

Boundary changes are being driven by the building of the new, as-yet-unnamed middle school near Cherry Hill and Canton Center, and the

looming closure of Central Middle School in downtown Plymouth. Even with the new school, three of the district's five middle schools will be located north of Joy Road. That complicates the boundary issue, since so many students live in Canton.

Still, the committee came up with its boundary recommendations:

» Discovery Middle School – The school on Hanford near Canton Center will get all of Hobben and Miller elementaries and portions of Eriksson and Tonda elementaries.

» Pioneer Middle School – located on Ann Arbor Road west of Sheldon, it will house all of Workman Elementary and parts of Dodson, Tonda and Isbister elementaries.

» West Middle School –

located at Ann Arbor Trail and Sheldon, it will house all of Bird Elementary and parts of Farrand, Smith and Isbister.

» East Middle School – located on Mill north of Ann Arbor Road, it will house all of Hulsing and portions of Farrand and Smith elementaries. The middle-school TAG program will continue to be housed at East.

» The new middle school – located on Cherry Hill just west of Canton Center, it will house all of Bentley and Field elementaries and parts of Dodson and Eriksson elementaries.

### Keep them close

The attendance patterns aren't as fragmented under the new plan as they are currently. For instance, as it stands now, only five of the district's

15 elementaries send all of its students to one middle school.

Eight of the elementaries feed to at least two middle schools, while two others – Dodson and Gallimore, both in Canton – feed to three different middle schools.

Under the new plan, eight of the remaining 14 elementary schools would feed entirely to one middle school, while six would feed to two middle schools. No elementary school would feed to three middle schools.

"We tried to look to the locations of buildings," Tyszkiewicz said of the recommendations. "We tried to keep kids in the closest school. We weren't perfect, but we were pretty close."

Dr. Michael Meissen, the district's superintendent, said some of the work was driven by a

systems assessment the district had done before last year. He said the boundary analysis has significant resource, equity and diversity ramifications in both the short- and long-terms for the district.

"Our guarantee to our parents and students is that we will provide a quality education, using a strong curriculum taught by highly qualified teachers," Meissen said. "These recommendations help us do that by continuing to drive up educational quality while driving down costs. Our goal all along is to make sure every student who graduates our schools is college- or career-ready and everything we do is geared toward that mission."

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## ALLEN

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Elementary School families completely by surprise.

"I don't agree with the plan," said Valerie Ramsey, co-president of Allen's PTO. "It mainly

has to do with academic performance. We're well above average. If they're looking for the quality of education, it's here (at Allen). It just doesn't make any sense to me."

Kurt Tyszkiewicz, the district's executive director for staffing, student services and policy who chaired the boundary

steering committee, said Allen was chosen – along with Tanger Center and Gallimore Elementary – based on a variety of factors (the committee's full report is available at www.pccs.k12.mi.us).

### Factors involved

Among them were building utilization, student population (much of Allen's population is bused in from Canton, with very few walkers), size (Allen is in the bottom third in square footage) and average cost per pupil.

Another factor is the ability of adjacent schools – Allen students will be spread between Farrand, Hulsing and Eriksson elementaries – to handle the relocation.

Tyszkiewicz said the numbers for all the schools were "put into a matrix" and Allen kept coming up as the prime candidate for closure. "We looked at everything collectively," Tyszkiewicz said. "We were charged with optimizing the use of our buildings."

### Answer questions

In addition to hosting a couple of community forums at Discovery Middle School in recent weeks, Meissen and Tyszkiewicz sat Tuesday with the Allen PTO to answer as many questions as possible.



BRAD KADRICH

Moderator Michelle McAvoy navigates the plethora of questions at Allen Elementary School's PTO meeting Tuesday.

Through moderator Michelle McAvoy, a PTO officer, parents peppered Meissen with questions about the decision. While sympathizing with parents, Meissen pointed out there's been a population shift in the last few years.

"Roughly two-thirds of school-age children live (in Canton), while two-thirds of our schools are in Plymouth," Meissen said. "You've had a shift of where the kids live."

McAvoy pointed out Allen is one of the district's highest-performing buildings, a point Meissen conceded. McAvoy, like all Allen parents, thinks closing Allen is a mistake.

"Allen is an anomaly," McAvoy said to applause from the crowd. "You don't destroy an anomaly like Allen. You build on it."

### Needs of the many

Meissen told the gathered parents the district has to be concerned with academic achievement around the district, not at any one school.

"Kids love this school, I understand that," Meissen said. "But we cannot be all things to all people. We have to make some tough decisions."

Diana Brody and her family moved to Plymouth six years ago and

chose the neighborhood around Allen specifically for that school's academic standing, which sits in the top 80 percent in Michigan's Top-to-Bottom rankings.

She said she attended Tuesday's PTO meeting to let her feelings be known.

"I wanted to express my concern that student achievement isn't even a factor," Brody said. "That's a huge problem. As a school, we are a family and we work hard to make this school what it is."

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# Man accused of stabbing cop pleads guilty to assault

**By Darrell Clem**  
Staff Writer

A Canton man accused of assaulting his girlfriend and stabbing a police officer who intervened in the domestic dispute has pleaded guilty to a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, less than murder.

Nicholas Gregory Schumann, 24, could face

penalties ranging up to 10 years in prison for an incident that occurred about 4 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 21, at College Park Estates, a mobile home community on Mott east of Ridge.

Schumann, jailed with



Schumann

a \$100,000 cash bond, is expected to face sentencing Nov. 6 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Deborah Thomas. His decision to plead guilty to one charge came Oct. 6 after attorneys reached a plea deal to dismiss additional criminal counts of assault with a dangerous weapon; assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer causing injury; and

aggravated domestic violence.

Schumann's legal troubles arose after police received a call for help amid allegations he was assaulting his girlfriend. A police officer who forced his way inside the home was "stabbed in the face near his eye" by a piece of wood Schumann allegedly picked up from a broken door jamb, Detective

Sgt. Chad Baugh has said.

The girlfriend received medical treatment after the assault left her eyes and face swollen. The officer, described as a 22-year member of the Canton Police Department, sustained only minor injuries, Baugh said.

A 2-year-old boy and a 3-month-old girl were in the house at the time,

Baugh said, but they were not injured.

Schumann pleaded guilty to the most serious charge against him, one that carries a potential 10-year prison sentence. Thomas has referred the case to probation officials for a pre-sentence report.

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## PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### WALK IN THE WOODS

**Dates/Times:** Sunday, Oct. 26, 2-4 p.m.

**Location:** Miller Woods (meet at entrance to woods on Powell Road, between Beck and Ridge), Plymouth Township

**Details:** Join the Friends of Miller Woods for a fall tour of Miller Woods nature preserve. The walks are with tour guides, last about an hour, and are free. No dogs or strollers allowed in the woods.

**Contact:** For directions also at www.millerwoods.org or call 734-459-7666.

### JAZZ @ THE ELKS

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7-10 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth-Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325, 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth

**Details:** Jazz @ The Elks features the Cliff Monear Trio, with Barbara on vocals (in her first appearance at the Elks), Cliff Monear on keyboard, Jeff Pedraz on bass and Jim Ryan on drums. Cost is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

**Contact:** For more information call 734-453-1780 or visit www.plymouthelks1780.com

### ART RECEPTION

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Nov. 8, 7-9 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** The PCAC hosts an opening Art Reception for Charles Stout's solo show, "Levels." The exhibit runs through the month of November, with gallery hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., during public events and by appointment. Stout is an exhibit designer for the Ann Arbor Hands on Museum.

**Contact:** Call 734-416-4278 for details.

### HOLIDAY ART SALE

**Date/Time:** Saturday, Nov. 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Community Arts Council, 774 N. Sheldon, Plymouth

**Details:** Plymouth Community Arts Council hosts its Holiday Art Sale, featuring original art pieces for sale, including hand-illustrated ornaments, pottery from Western Michigan University Ceramics Guild, original jewelry designs and fused glass, photographs and boxed art cards, handmade wool mittens and much more from local artists.

**Contact:** For more information, visit www.plymoutharts.com or call 734-416-4278.

### BAREFOOT AUDITIONS

**Date/Time:** Oct. 27-28, 7-9 p.m.

**Location:** Barefoot Productions Theatre, 240 N. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** Barefoot Productions is holding auditions for an improv event. It's an open audition call for actors, writers and improvisers. Bring head shot and resume, if available. The event takes place in January.

**Contact:** Contact Timothy for more information by calling 734-718-7570 or emailing Tim\_Majik@yahoo.com

### FALL HARVEST PARTY

**Date/Time:** Friday, Oct. 31, 5:30-8:30 p.m.

**Location:** St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon, Canton

**Details:** All are welcome, in non-scary costumes, for a family-oriented, fun-filled evening to celebrate life. Enjoy a kid-friendly dinner, trick-or-treating throughout the church, games, bounce houses, contests (costume and pumpkin carving) and prizes. Captive Free, a young energetic Christian group, will be performing skits, music and puppet shows throughout the

night.

**Contact:** Call the church office at 734-459-3333 or office@connectingwithGod.org.

### GRIEF SUPPORT

**Date/Time:** First and third Thursday of each month, 10-11:30 a.m.

**Location:** Plymouth Coffee Bean, 884 Penniman, Plymouth

**Details:** Compassionate Coffee Club is an open and ongoing grief support group offering support and socialization for widows and widowers moving beyond the first year of loss. The program is sponsored by Compassionate Care Hospice and is free of charge, although a drink purchase is required for use of the space.

**Contact:** For more information, contact Ann Christensen, Compassionate Care Hospice bereavement coordinator, at 888-983-9050 or email achristensen@cchnet.net.

### CRAFT BAZAAR

**Date:** Saturday, Dec. 6.

**Location:** Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main, Plymouth

**Details:** The Plymouth Historical Museum is accepting applications for its annual Juried Craft Bazaar. Applicants are required to submit three or four photos of craft items for judges to select participants as there is a limit of crafters to five per category. Table rentals are \$30 each and most are eight feet wide, although there are some space variations available. The museum is offering free admission that day for both museum patrons and Craft Bazaar shoppers. Crafters are requested to donate an item for the museum's raffle. The application is available at www.plymouthhistory.org/cm/dpl/downloads/events/117/craft\_show.pdf.

## Open house marks reopening of Canton Historical Museum

The Canton Historical Society announced the grand reopening of the Canton Historical Museum and will mark this special occasion with an open house celebration 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12. A special ribbon-cutting ceremony is also scheduled to take place promptly at 6:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be available during the event.

The Canton Historical Museum will reopen to the public with a newly installed exhibition of "Life Unplugged: Connecting Canton in the Past," featuring communication tools through the ages. Organizers are encouraging the public to stop in and learn how people communicated in Canton's rural past any time during regular museum hours: 1-4 p.m. Tuesday, 5-8 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Highlights from the restoration project included renovations to the existing floors, foundation and foundation walls. In addition, all incandescent lighting was converted to energy-saving LED lights.

Celebrating its 130th anniversary, the Canton Historical Museum is



CANTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Canton Historical Museum, which celebrates its grand reopening with a Nov. 12 open house, was previously used as a one-room school house.

located at 1022 S. Canton Center Road on the corner of Canton Center Road and Heritage Park Drive. Still in its original location, the Canton Historical Museum was previously used as a one-room school house. Formerly known as the Canton Center School, this historical site started out in 1840 as a log

cabin school house, but burned down in 1883 and was rebuilt with bricks the following year. Admission to the Canton Historical Museum is by donation.

For additional information, visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org or call 734-397-0088 for group tour details.

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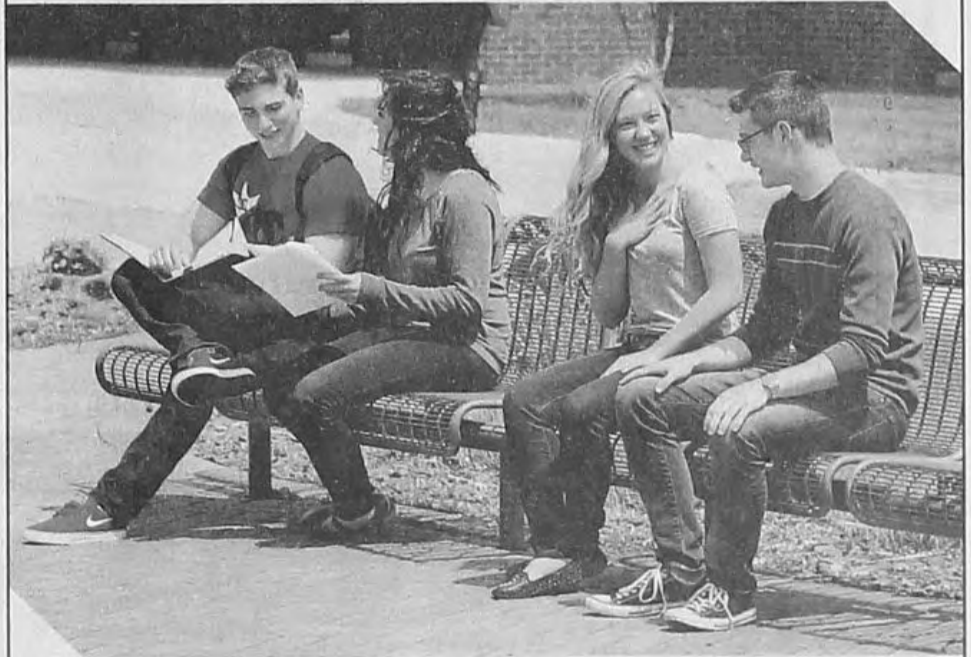
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STEM faculty adviser Danielle Ramos talks about community service ideas with the STEM advisory council.

## STEM council looking for fundraising suggestions

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

Two years ago, the STEM advisory council raised money for Goldi Blox, toys designed to tap into girls' strong verbal skills and bolster confi-

dence while giving young inventors the tools they need to build and create.

Last year, the council raised nearly \$5,000 in an effort to raise awareness of childhood cancer. The money was donated to C.S. Mott Children's Hos-



BOBB VERGIELS

STEM Advisory Council co-presidents Maha Zahit (left) and Senna Al-Ado discuss ideas for the council's fundraising project.

pital. This year, the STEM advisory council is looking for its annual project and is soliciting suggestions from the general public.

And while the original idea was to alternate between engineering-style ideas and projects with a biomedical focus, this year's project doesn't necessarily have

to be one or the other. "This year, hopefully we can combine them," said Senna Al-Ado, co-president of the council with Maha Zahit. "Anyone with a story to tell or

something to advocate should send us an entry."

The council is looking for help from the public after being unable to narrow down its own ideas to a single one.

"This year, we've thrown it out there (to the council) and no one came up with anything, so the (council) decided to throw it out to the community," said Danielle Ramos, the faculty adviser to the STEM council. "We want people to give us what their needs are."

The 41-member advisory council will look at the proposals and narrow them down to three finalists. Al-Ado said the sponsor of the winning idea will be invited to speak to the group.

Having the object of the project talk to the kids gives the idea substance, according to Ramos.

"That brings more awareness to the kids," she said. "They have someone in front of them talking about it. It brings it home for them."

Anyone with a suggestion for the STEM fundraiser can email Ramos at [danielle.ramos@pccsk12.com](mailto:danielle.ramos@pccsk12.com).

Suggestions can also be mailed to the STEM Advisory Council, c/o Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187.

Deadline is Nov. 1.

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## Moody's renews Plymouth-Canton's credit rating

Moody's Investor Services has renewed the credit rating of Aa2 for the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district.

Moody's review noted that Michigan's school districts have faced substantial financial challenges in recent years due to stagnant to declining state foundation

funding, coupled with mounting pressures brought on, in part, by increased pension costs.

In renewing the credit rating, Moody's report said the service "expects the district's financial operations to remain satisfactory in the near term despite narrow reserves," according to a release from the district

this week.

"This is a tribute to our Board of Education's efforts to seek balanced budgets, eliminate borrowing and doing what was needed to protect our cash reserves to maintain our bond rating in this tight financial time," said Dr. Michael Meissen, district superintendent.

Had the rating decreased, it could have negatively affected the district's ability to pay back debt.

Another significant factor in maintaining the credit rating, district officials said, was the organization's ability to adjust its spending. For

instance, all departments in the district successfully held the line on their spending in the fiscal year ended in June, postponing spending on non-urgent needs to help the district improve its budget performance in the final months of the 2013-14 fiscal year.

"We're very happy with this rating, especially given the financial pressures that have faced our district for several years," said Judy Mardigian, president of the district's Board of Education. "We all have worked hard to maintain our financial strength."

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# Board hopefuls face questions in forum

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

The Beloved Community, a group made up of local citizens working together to eliminate racial unrest and bridge racial and cultural divides within the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, wanted to give voters a chance to meet the candidates for the district's Board of Education.

On Wednesday, they did just that. Six of the eight candidates in the Nov. 4 general election spent 90 minutes answer a variety of questions – not all of

them centered around the group's quest for racial equity – for the audience at Tonda Elementary School.

And, for a fledgling group hosting its first event, organizers thought it went well. "We had a great experience ... with six of eight candidates in the house," said Steve Spreitzer, one of the organizers of Beloved Community. "I was a bit proud of our fledgling group who not only forced people to think of things they don't normally think of, but to have to articulate those thoughts."

Six candidates – Don



BELOVED COMMUNITY  
Plymouth-Canton Board of Education candidates (from left) Michael Siegrist, Drex Morton, Kate Borninski, Amy Fava, Don Turner and Kim Crouch answer questions at the Beloved Community forum.

Turner, Michael Siegrist, Kim Crouch, Amy Fava, Kate Borninski and Drex

Morton – were on hand for the forum. The other two, Estelle Oliansky and

Tom Kelly, declined to participate, citing previous commitments.

Oliansky did send a message that was read into the record.

Mike Pare and Denise Zander, both familiar faces to the school community from their work with various committees, moderated the candidate forum.

Questions were as simple as what committee candidates thought would suit them best and as complicated as the responsibility of the school board to parents and students of color, LGBT students and students of non-Christian faiths.

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# Auditors: Wayne-Westland hangs on to modest fund balance

By Sue Mason  
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The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district has continued to hang on to a modest fund balance after using just over \$1.4 million to cover expenditures in the 2013-14 budget year.

Plante Moran, the district's auditing firm, gave the district an unmodified or "clean" audit, the highest assurance the firm can give.

In a report presented to the school board last week, auditors found that the district finished the budget year with a \$3.2 million fund balance. It received \$99.9 million in actual revenue and spent \$101.7 million, with the \$1.47 million difference coming from its fund balance.

The difference is almost \$1 million better than had been anticipated. When compared to actual expenditures, it

gives the district a less than 1-percent variance. The state requires a positive variance and auditors recommend that it be in the 2-percent range.

"Wayne-Westland was well within that range," said auditor Nathan Troyer of Plante Moran.

### Lowest point

As a result, the fund balance – sometimes called the rainy day fund because it is used to "deal with unforeseen challenges" – dipped to its lowest point in more than a decade, but is better than what was projected when the budget was prepared in June 2013.

"Eighty-six percent of district's revenue is determined by the state," Troyer said. "The biggest piece is the foundation allowance and the district has very little ability to significantly impact that on a yearly basis because a big part

of the revenue is based on that formula."

Of the money the district took in, 88 percent went for salaries and fringe benefits. Purchased services and such things as supplies made up the remaining 12 percent.

"The district's revenue is determined by the state, not at the local level, and that creates challenges to deal with," auditor Jeffrey Higgins said.

Among the challenges facing the district are its dependence on the state economy, the cost of health care, the elongated school aid payments that have 18 percent of the money coming in after the end of the budget year, student enrollment and contributions to the state retirement system.

### More with less

Wayne-Westland had been receiving \$7,957 per

student in 2010-11, but that dropped to \$7,013 in 2012-13 with the phasing out of \$6 million it received to accommodate millage not included in creating its foundation amount in 1994. It has slowly crept back up and is now \$1 more than the \$7,250 it received in 2011-12.

The \$7,251 is still lower than what the district received in 2004-05, "so it's obvious the state is asking the district to do more with less," Higgins said.

He added that the state has lost 100,000 students in the last four years. In Wayne-Westland, the enrollment loss has slowed after being close to 300 students a year for several years. Last year, the district actually increased enrollment by 10 students. This year, it is projecting a 50-student loss.

The district also must pay into the Michigan

Public School Employees Retirement System. According to Higgins, the district has "no ability to influence" the contribution rate, which is at about 25 percent of payroll.

"The state has done some things to keep the rate in check, but there's no guarantee that will be what you're spending in the future," he said.

In looking at the general fund balance as a

percentage of expenditures, Wayne-Westland is at 3.64 percent in 2014, which is still less than the statewide average. It also represents just six days of operations for the district.

"This is a very different environment for the district," Higgins said.

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old, I recommend investing the \$60,000 in a growth mode. Currently, the only growth funds you have are in your IRA and that represents about a quarter of your overall portfolio. I would invest the money for your future.

You consider yourself a conservative investor, however, that doesn't mean that you avoid the stock market. Considering that you probably won't even need this money for at least 15 years, the stock market is actually a pretty safe and secure investment. Like all stock market invest-

ments, there will be a roller-coaster ride, however, focus on the long-term.

In reviewing your other investments, my recommendation is to take the \$60,000 and divide it equally into the following commission-free funds:

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- » Vanguard Equity Income
- » Vanguard Global Equity

When a CD matures, don't automatically renew it. Review your situation and decide your goals and objectives for the money. Just because you bought a CD a few years ago doesn't mean that you should buy one today. For a long-term

investor, rates are not nearly as favorable as they were five years ago.

If you are going to buy a CD, remember it pays to shop around. Check with your local bank or credit union and do research online. Websites like [www.bankrate.com](http://www.bankrate.com) are an excellent resource to discover which federally insured institutions are paying the most. After all, if you can make a few extra dollars on your CD, why not? It looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else.

Good luck.  
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# Bova VFW Junior Girls pack plenty into boxes for troops in Afghanistan

By Sue Mason  
Staff Writer

Twenty military personnel serving in Afghanistan are getting a special treat from the Ladies Auxiliary Junior Girls at Bova VFW Post 9885 in Westland

Working in assembly line fashion, the girls recently filled 20 boxes with toiletries, candy, flavored drink packets, playing cards, books and dog treats that are being shipped to the soldiers in time for Christmas.

The girls, who come from Westland, Plymouth, Livonia and Waterford, have been sending packages to the troop for about five years. This year's boxes are going to two different units – 16 come from anysoldier.com, while four were suggested by VFW members.

Ten boxes were going to one unit that included five women. They also included fleece blankets by request. The girls unrolled the blankets and lined the boxes to cushion the contents. Half were in a green camouflage pattern, the others were black.

"It was truly a group effort," said auxiliary member Jill Mikolajczyk of Farmington. "The ladies auxiliary and members donated items and we came in and set it up. Bartender Jessica Durham helped us sort it."

The girls include Isabelle Schrock, Monica Rokita and Marissa Smith of Plymouth, Mackenzie Compton and Ariel Fretter of Livonia, Alaina Sanutelli of Westland and Rachel Napier of Waterford. Working with them was Heather

Napier and Jill Mikolajczyk of Farmington.

## Picking the number

The girls determined how many soldiers they wanted to send boxes to this year. Normally, it's 13, but they decided on an even number this year.

"The group decided, we didn't want to do 13 and some said let's choose an even number," Marissa said. "Someone said 15, but we decided on 20."

Marissa is glad to do the boxes for the troops. It's "thoughtful and nice to do something for them and to honor them," she said.

Last year, Mackenzie got the students in her class to help her collect supplies. Her class responded and brought in "a lot."

"I had this huge bin and it was filled," she said. "It was crazy."

She found out about the Junior Girls through Ariel. It sounded like fun, so she decided to join. With her step-father in the Army, it gave her a way of helping people.

"It makes me feel happy to help someone," she said.

The project is one the girls do every year, normally near Christmas.

"We've always sent a letter, but never a picture of the girls," Mikolajczyk said. "We got the parents' permission to do that this year."

## Thank you letters

The girls have received thank you letters from the soldiers.

"They're real heart-warming letters," said Bev Scott of Westland. "Some are from the unit leaders; sometimes they're individual ones."



Heather Napier (right) helps Rachel Napier and Ariel Fretter pack a fleece blanket in a box.

SUE MASON

The packages were assembled following the girls' meeting. The girls worked with Heather Napier and Mikolajczyk in taping and marking the boxes with a 'B' or 'W' to make sure they get to the right person.

They also carried them to Mikolajczyk's car.

"Everything just seems to come together for this," auxiliary President Sandy Pinion said.

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Monica Rokita of Plymouth grabs some granola bars to put in box that will be sent to a soldier serving in Afghanistan.

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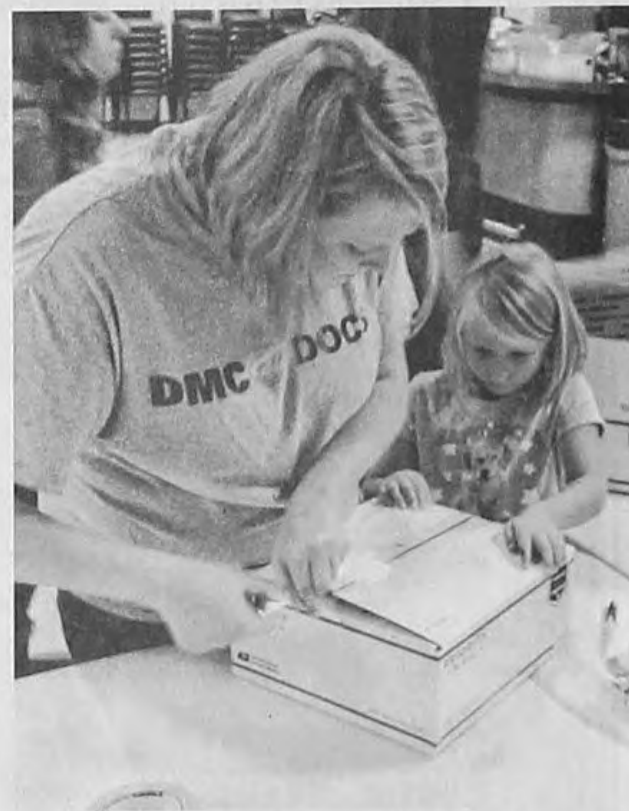
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Marissa Smith of Plymouth checks the finished boxes.

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Heather Napier works with Monica Rokita on sealing up a box.

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# Local clinics, hospital prep in case of Ebola

By David Veselenak  
Staff Writer

There's no reason to fear an Ebola outbreak in western Wayne County, but Dr. Mohammed Arsiwala knows it's important to be prepared in case it does arrive.

That's why Livonia-based Michigan Urgent Care clinics, located in 10 locations across southeast Michigan, are taking precautions with patients who come into their clinic in communities such as Livonia, Canton, Novi and, soon, Ferndale.

Arsiwala, the founder of Michigan Urgent Care, said employees at the clinics began Monday asking each patient who came in if they had traveled to or from the west African nations that have seen Ebola, such as Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea. If the answer is yes, that individual is separated and placed in a room until further assistance can be received.

"Emergency services are called. The (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) in Atlanta is called," Arsiwala said. "We have under 200 employees (trained) to do that."

The Ebola virus, which has claimed thousands of lives in Africa in recent months as well as one death in Texas (someone returning from overseas), has had many medical groups on high alert in case it comes to certain areas of the United States.

Arsiwala said while there's no indication to believe an outbreak is imminent, the possibility of the disease is enough for the clinic to take precautions, especially since it does not have the proper equipment to handle such a virus.

"We don't have a vaccine for this disease. We don't have a standard treatment," he said. "Any secretion off that individual could carry the virus."

## St. Mary Mercy proactive

St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and the other St. Joseph Mercy Health System hospitals have also prepared in the rare instance that Ebola ends up in one of their emergency rooms, said Garry C. Faja, the system's regional president and CEO.

While there have been no instances of the virus in Michigan, Faja said in a statement that the hospital system would immediately inform state officials and the public if something were to arise.

"Our infection prevention and control teams are continuously engaged in emergency preparedness and, as with



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St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia and the other St. Joseph Mercy Health System hospitals have prepared in the rare instance that Ebola ends up in one of their emergency rooms.

any infectious disease outbreak, we participate with the CDC, local and state public health departments on calls to monitor the current status and risk," he said. "We continue to make updates to our clinical protocols as more information comes in daily so that staff can quickly identify and respond in the event they are faced with a high-risk patient."

Several state officials met last week to discuss the virus and what is being done around the state to prepare.

The state's Department of Community Health has set up protocols that allow for more hospitals to keep in contact regarding the virus.

"It is clear from our assessment that hospitals across the state are working very actively with their staffs over the past several days and weeks to implement the very latest set of recommendations from the CDC and ensure that their health care workers are informed, trained and prepared," said Dr. Matthew Davis, the state's chief medical executive. "MDCH continues to promote and coordinate hospital readiness, along with preparedness of emergency medical services and community-based health care providers."

Arsiwala said a big reason he has had his clinics prepare is because of the proximity of Detroit Metro Airport, a large travel hub that connects passengers from all over the world. Many who come to the area for work stay in the area, including Livonia, with several hotels along I-275. Many of those workers have come to Michigan Urgent Care's clinic on Seven Mile in Livonia for treatment while they are in town, Arsiwala said.

"I have treated them over the years," he said. "Livonia is a center point for a lot of them to stay there."



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The League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has put together a guide to help voters prepare to cast their ballots.

## League of Women Voters: Prepare for election day

League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County President Angela Ryan urges voters in to prepare for the upcoming election by visiting VOTE411.org to find their polling place, check voting hours, learn about the candidates and read tips about voting in Michigan.

"Voters in Michigan want simple, helpful tools to help them navigate the voting process and election day," Ryan said. "VOTE411.org is the nation's premiere online, non-partisan election resource and the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County has provided information on the candidates running for office in our community for this resource. Simply enter your address for your customized information."

Printed copies of the League's non-partisan Voter Guide were delivered to libraries in Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Livonia, Redford, Garden City, Westland and Wayne earlier this month. Additionally,

voters can find the Voter Guides on the League's website at lwvww.org, as well as videos of candidate forums held in September and October for the 20th and 21st District state representatives, Plymouth-Canton and Livonia school boards and the 7th District state Senate.

"This year, millions of voters will head to the polls and stand up for what matters most to our

communities and our lives," Ryan said. "The best thing we can all do is urge everyone to prepare by learning about the candidates and issues before they vote. All of our elected officials have incredible influence over the issues and policies that affect our families and communities most. Election day is our chance to weigh in and take control over what is most important to us."

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Wind energy and recycling hold as much promise, if not more, to create new investment and jobs over several decades, as does drilling for fossil fuels.

# Michigan's energy boom more about wind than oil

Michigan sits at the precipice of an energy boom and the future is not just about oil, gas and pipelines.

Wind energy and recycling hold as much promise, if not more, to create new investment and jobs over several decades, as does drilling for fossil fuels. Also, an unprecedented construction boom to upgrade or replace coal-fired power plants means billions of new investment and thousands of construction jobs.

But even ramping up renewable energy production, such as wind and solar, can

pose environmental risks. Some groups and elected officials contend new drilling technologies to extract oil and natural gas reserves, plus newly proposed pipelines, could impact the health of the Great Lakes — and Michigan residents.

They point to the devastating Enbridge pipeline spill in 2010 near Marshall and say infrastructure, including a 61-year-old oil pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac, poses grave risks for massive oil spills that couldn't easily be contained. They worry new

pipelines could destroy private property and put land, water and residents at risk.

But those who promote a Michigan energy boom say more natural gas and oil can safely be extracted from the ground using special drilling and hydraulic fracturing technologies, though gas reserves remain harder to tap here than in other states. They contend the state's modest energy industry workforce of 83,000 could expand greatly with more wind and renewable energy investment and a greater focus on recycling

and efficiency programs for homeowners.

Livonia already quietly operates three small oil wells in the city and wind energy investments in the Thumb have paid off for utilities.

A study conducted for Michigan's Energy Innovation and Business Council said local investment in renewable energy projects — advanced energy storage, biomass, solar and wind — could support nearly 21,000 jobs in Michigan by 2015 and contribute more than \$163 million in local and state tax revenues.

## Fortis CEO: State should have its own energy boom

'Either you hit oil — or you don't,' Conway says

Before he became an oilman, Nathan Conway wanted to be a farmer.

"I thought I'd be in agriculture," the CEO of Bloomfield Hills-based Fortis Energy said of his youth in North Dakota. As a child, he raised sheep. But his father and late grandfather were in the oil business so, at 16, he started working in that industry, too. "There's no industry more exciting."

"You spend a lot of money to take big risks," Conway added. "Either you hit oil — or you don't. If you hit a dry well, you're crying. If you hit oil, you're celebrating."



Fortis, which Conway has about 100 employees and has expanded rapidly, doesn't drill, but it provides services to companies that do. The company deploys service rigs, crane-like devices that are used for below-ground repairs to wells, throughout the Midwest and northeast, including Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, New York, Indiana, Illinois and North Dakota.

Technology such as three-dimensional imaging and horizontal drilling has led to an oil and gas boom where big oil deposits have been extracted. Conway contends there is potential for more of that prosperity in other states, including Michigan.

"If we were allowed to drill more here, I believe Michigan would be in a much better financial situation," he said.

At the same time, industry innovations have also generated energy policy debates as business leaders and environmentalists clash over the benefits and dangers of drilling.

One controversy has been over fracking, a process of extracting oil and natural gas from layers of shale deep underground. Water and chemicals are pumped into the ground to create cracks to release gas. The process, also called hydraulic fracturing, has allowed companies to tap gas deposits that had been unreachable. Critics have raised concerns about the potential to contaminate groundwater.

In Michigan, there are 10 high-volume fracking oil and gas wells and 27 pending active permits, according to the state Department of Environmental Quality. New rules, state officials said, increase the information available to residents about fracking and enhance how water-impact is tracked.

"There's pros and cons to everything in life," Conway said. "But you have to do responsible development. In my opinion, that's oil and gas."

Oil money has been flowing so freely in North Dakota that state's unemployment was the lowest in the nation at 2.8 percent in August.

In Conway's view, the oil and gas industry is environmentally safe — and boosting the economy.

About a year ago, the \$13.5 million company changed its name from Arrow Energy Services to Fortis, which Conway said means strength in Latin. This year, the company

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## Michigan's energy potential

From traditional fossil fuels to renewable energy, Michigan has vast untapped energy resources.

» **Oil and natural gas:** The Antrim Shale formation, a geological band through the northern Lower Peninsula, is Michigan's richest natural gas resource. Almost 7.8 billion cubic feet of gas are produced from the formation each month — and that's down from better economic times a decade or so ago.

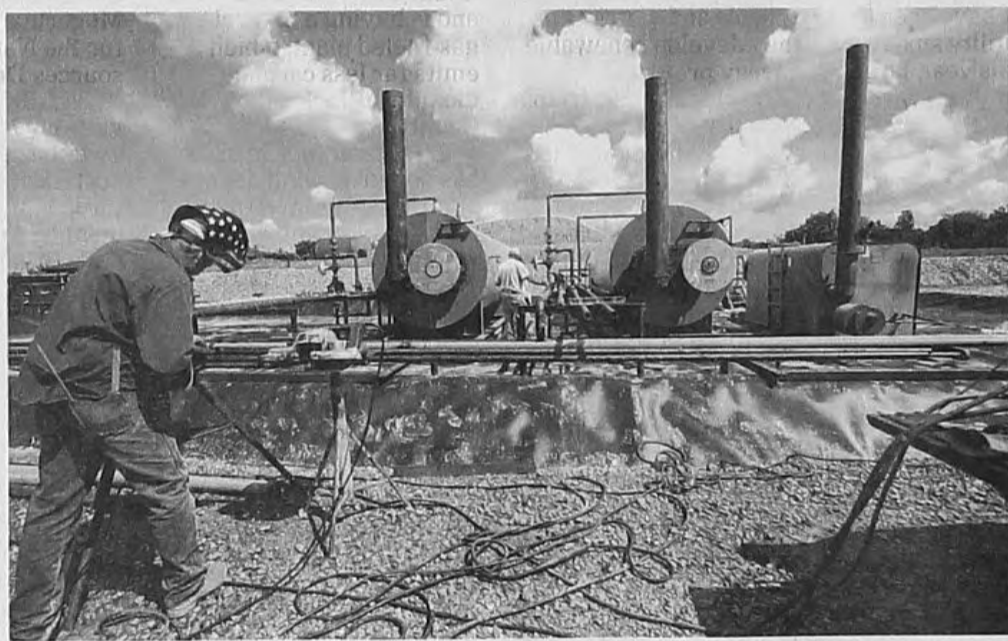
A U.S. Geological Survey assessment of undiscovered, technically recoverable oil and gas resources in the Michigan Basin, which includes the entire state of Michigan and parts of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, showed 990 million barrels of oil, 11 trillion cubic feet of natural gas and 220 million barrels of natural gas liquids.

The natural gas potential is equivalent to a large chunk of the entire natural gas usage of the U.S. in a year, 26 trillion cubic feet.

» **Wind:** Michigan ranks 16th among U.S. states with 1,163 megawatts of installed wind power, enough to power more than 300,000 average Michigan homes.

The state has the potential for more than 59,000 megawatts of wind energy

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The site of two recently drilled oil wells is being readied for production in Livonia in this July 2008 photo.

## Drilling in backyards benefits land owners

By Frank Witsil  
Gannett Michigan

A little-known source of revenue for Livonia, the city's longtime Mayor Jack Kirksey said, is three — and soon, possibly four — active oil wells.

"It's a subtle operation," Kirksey said. "They don't see it, they don't smell it, they don't taste it. Even if I told you where they were, I'd have to give you a map so you can find them."

One of the three wells in Livonia, he said, is on the campus of Schoolcraft College.

New technology in the past decade, such as three-dimensional imaging and horizontal drilling, has led to an oil and gas boom in places like North Dakota and put more wells in urban and suburban areas so some landowners and cities can reap a steady income.

As oil and gas production surges, cities like Youngstown, Ohio, that declined as industry left are trying to revive. Property owners, potentially sitting on rich deposits of fossil fuel, are negotiating lucrative contracts. More oil and gas drilling — combined with more alternative energy development, which has been slow and steady in Michigan as costs have dropped — could lift the state's economy.

But while some are cashing in, others — particularly residents who live near

wells but don't have contracts and environmental groups — are fighting oil and gas exploration and drilling, underscoring a growing tension among competing interests that is playing out nationwide.

Oil and gas drilling in Michigan has gone up and down since the 1950s. In a ranking of total energy production by the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Michigan is in the middle of the states at 26th, with 618 trillion BTUs. The top state is Texas and the bottom, Rhode Island. In crude oil production, Michigan is 18th and in natural gas it's 17th.

West Bay Exploration, which has wells throughout the state, is using technology to improve the efficiency of its operations and allow it to drill in more urban and suburban areas, but the company is limited by regulation and geology.

"I don't expect an energy boom in Michigan," said Tim Baker, vice president at West Bay, based in Traverse City. "We think it's going to be a slow, steady situation."

Unlike in other states, where big deposits of oil can be sucked out, much more targeted drilling is required in Michigan. There are more than 4,500 active oil wells and nearly 12,000 active natural gas wells — all in the Lower

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Electrician Bill Dillionson helps guide into place a solar panel at the DTE solar farm near Old Plank Road on March 3, 2014, in Lyon Township.

### FORTIS ENERGY SERVICES

**About:** Fortis Energy has oil and gas well services throughout the Midwest and northeast, including Michigan, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, New York, Indiana, Illinois and North Dakota. Last year, the company changed its name from Arrow Energy Services. **Headquarters:** 36700 Woodward, Bloomfield Hills **Annual sales:** \$13.5 million **Employees:** About 100 **Website:** fortisenergyservices.com

# WIND ENERGY INDUSTRY SOARING

By Frank Witsil  
Gannett Michigan

The shift to renewable energy sources in Michigan — particularly wind — has picked up in the past few years and could get more of a boost as the Obama administration seeks a 30-percent reduction in carbon dioxide emissions by 2030, advocates and utility companies say.

That could mean more investment and more jobs to add to Michigan's modest energy sector profile of about 83,000 workers. One recent study concluded targeted local investment in wind and other renewable energy could support nearly 21,000 jobs in the state by next year.

"Wind energy has been the primary source of new renewable energy in Michigan," John Quackenbush, the chairman of the Michigan Public Service Commission said as he spoke earlier this year to green energy proponents at the Michigan Energy Fair in Mason.

One reason: It's about half as expensive to produce than utility companies initially expected, down to as little as \$50 a megawatt hour last year from more than \$100 a megawatt hour in 2009.

In the past few years, wind power in Michigan has created jobs, given rise to new companies that supply components — such as Ventower Industries in Monroe — and even inspired a few school projects and tourism. The nonprofit group Natural Resources Defense Council says Michigan is home to about 120 companies that supply wind components and employ 4,000.

DTE Energy and Consumers Energy, the two companies that serve Michigan's Lower Peninsula, are building wind turbines in the Thumb area. Consumers built turbines recently in the Ludington area in western Michigan. The Thumb has enough wind to be a top site nationally for harnessing the resource, officials from the companies say. Wind and other renewable sources of power are expected to provide a steadily increasing amount of Michigan's power needs by 2030.

A state law that requires 10 percent of electricity produced come from renewable



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This 2013 photo shows the wind turbines in Tuscola County. Consumers Energy is now building a second \$255 million wind farm, Cross Winds, in the county.

sources by the end of next year has increased demand and helped propel the construction of wind farms. Michigan still gets more than half (54 percent) of its power from coal, a significant source of carbon dioxide emissions.

Since the state law passed in 2008, utilities have invested more than \$2.2 billion in renewable technology, including building hundreds of wind turbines, some as tall as the Fisher Building. There are now more than 20 wind farms in Michigan that are operational and in development, the public service commission said.

Michigan utilities and energy producers have strategies to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, mostly by adding scrubbers to coal-fired power plants and also by replacing coal-fired plants with ones that run on cleaner-burning natural gas. More renewable energy also has become a big part of the equation. Because of that demand, Michigan's growing wind business has meant falling prices for residential consumers.

To cover the extra cost of green energy production, residential customers have been paying a utility surcharge. This year, largely because of the lower cost of wind, DTE has reduced its surcharge from \$3 per meter a month to 43 cents, while Consumers Energy eliminated its surcharge altogether, down from \$2.50.

## Education and tourism

Wind farms — which sprout towers 400 feet tall — have been praised and derided.

Some Michiganders don't like the turbines' humming noise from the whirling blades. They complain that the towers

ruin views and kill birds.

As a source of power, wind farms are less reliable and efficient than coal- or gas-fired power plants largely because wind comes and goes.

But utility companies say wind farms are a clean source of power and increasingly less expensive to build and operate. Wind, after all, is free. After a wind farm is built, it takes fewer people to operate than a power plant.

While the blades are dangerous to birds, harm can be mitigated with good operating and management practices and protection plans, conservancy groups say.

In addition, some school districts, such as Laker Schools in the Thumb, have incorporated wind power to save money on electricity and teach kids about science and the environment, said Brion Dickens, who installed three 80-foot tall turbines through a \$265,000 state grant.

Right now, he said, the district's turbines are not running because of a dispute over who should cover the cost of repairs. But he said the project illustrates wind's potential. He said he's working with other schools and districts as they develop renewable energy projects.

Michigan went from a capacity of 2.4 megawatts of wind power in 2007 to 287 megawatts in 2011, enough to power more than 120,000 homes. The state is expected to produce an additional 3,000 megawatts as more projects are developed, according to the NRDC.

Consumers Energy, based in Jackson, built its first wind farm, Lake Winds, on the west side of the state in Mason County in 2012. It has 56 turbines.

As a side benefit of the wind farm, the Lu-

## WIND ENERGY ON THE RISE

» **More watts:** Electricity generation from wind increased to 168 billion kilowatt-hours last year from six billion kilowatt-hours in 2000. The boom is from improved technologies.

» **Lower production costs:** Power from wind in Michigan is half as expensive to produce than utility companies initially expected, down to as little as \$50 a megawatt hour last year from more than \$100 a megawatt hour in 2009, according to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

» **Lower utility bills:** DTE cut its renewable energy surcharge fee to 43 cents per meter a month from \$3 per month. Consumers Energy eliminated its \$2.50 a month charge in July.

dington & Scottsville Area Chamber of Commerce offered bus tours so curiosity seekers could see the turbines up close. The chamber is no longer giving those tours, but a local operator, it said, has added the stops to its tours.

Consumers Energy is now building a second \$255 million wind farm, Cross Winds, in Tuscola County in the Thumb. It should be completed by the end of the year, utility spokesman Brian Wheeler said. Plans for Cross Winds call for 62 turbines. The project also is expected to create about 150 construction jobs.

Meanwhile, Consumers Energy is closing seven coal-burning power plants in Michigan, including the J.R. Whiting plant in Monroe County, by April 2016 and is buying a natural gas-fueled plant, which emits far less carbon dioxide, in Jackson County.

DTE Energy, which has acquired wind development rights on 80,000 acres, is planning a fifth wind park, also in the Thumb.

The Detroit-based utility commissioned its first wind farm in 2012. Its existing ones are Thumb Wind in Huron and Sanilac counties; Gratiot County Wind in the middle of the state; and Pheasant Run Wind, which was renamed Brookfield Wind, and Echo Wind, both also in Huron County.



PATRICIA BECK | GANNETT MICHIGAN

Workers pull oil-soaked booms from the Kalamazoo River near Marshall on Aug. 6, 2010. A burst oil pipeline caused major environmental damage.

# Environmental disasters lurk in pipelines

By Keith Matheny  
Gannett Michigan

Michigan's increasing role in petroleum products transport doesn't just pose potential risk, it's already causing problems.

An oil pipeline operated by Canadian oil transport giant Enbridge burst near Marshall in July 2010, resulting in the largest inland oil spill in U.S. history. The spill decimated Talmadge Creek, a tributary to the Kalamazoo River, prompting a \$1 billion-plus cleanup that is still incomplete.

As Enbridge works to comply with EPA orders to clean the river, it's also expanding pipelines across North America, including in Michigan, to ship increasing amounts of heavy tar sands oil from Canada to new markets. That includes Detroit's Marathon oil refinery, which in 2012 completed a \$2.2 billion renovation so the refinery can use more oil sands product known as diluted bitumen or "dilbit."

"We are in the midst of a very big, fundamental change in the type of fuel we get in this country," said Josh Mogergerman, spokesman for the Natural Resources Defense Council.

As Michigan and Midwest investment in energy extraction and transport increases, rising threats to the environment and communities have become painfully apparent and worrisome, including potential oil spills in the Great Lakes, aging natural gas pipeline on lands and clouds of harmful petroleum dust polluting the air in some residential communities.

Economic development officials point to increased investment and jobs from extracting and transporting natural gas and other fossil fuels, but environmentalists say the track record is already spotty and that the health of the Great Lakes and other Michigan environmental jewels is at increased risk.

The health of some residents who have breathed in polluted air or who live near fracking operations and drink the water could also be at risk, they contend.

The dilbit proved particularly problematic in the Kalamazoo River spill. As the chemicals evaporated, causing short-term air quality and public health concerns, heavy oil then sank to the river bottom, making it more difficult to recover. The EPA last year ordered a new round of dredging, as the bottom oil persisted and was moving downriver.

The Midwest's growing relationship with dilbit led to the controversial rising mounds of petroleum coke on the banks of the Detroit River last year. Pet coke is a by-product of dilbit refining and is being sold as a fuel source despite environmentalists' concerns that it burns dirtier than coal.

Dust off the pet coke piles wound up in nearby residents' homes and likely in their lungs. It also swirled in black clouds over the Detroit

River, before the city ordered the piles removed. The piles' host, Detroit Bulk Storage, attempted to store the product at another site downriver near River Rouge, but the state Department of Environmental Quality rejected that request.

Enbridge also operates pipelines at the bottom of the Straits of Mackinac, where lakes Michigan and Huron come together. The 61-year-old pipes — and the potential for a catastrophic oil leak into the Great Lakes — have garnered the attention of many, including state Attorney General Bill Schuette and DEQ Director Dan Wyant, who have convened an examination of the straits pipelines and Michigan's general pipeline safety.

A University of Michigan study earlier this year examined Great Lakes currents near the Straits and developed models of oil spills from underwater pipelines. The scenarios show that a spill could move eastward into Lake Huron, westward into Lake Michigan and then move back and forth through the straits several times.

Shoreline areas most impacted would be Mackinac Island, Bois Blanc Island and the Lake Huron shoreline east of Mackinaw City. Contamination could spread as far west as Beaver Island in Lake Michigan to Rogers City in Lake Huron, the study found.

"I can't think — in my experience — of another place on the Great Lakes where an oil spill would have as wide an area of impact, in as short of time, as at the Straits of Mackinac," said David Schwab, a research scientist at the U-M water center.

On land, while Michigan's two major utilities, Consumers Energy and DTE Energy, have stepped up efforts to replace aging natural gas pipelines, the pace remains slow and the danger is rising.

DTE continues to have 2,419 miles of cast-iron main in its pipeline system — the second-most of any utility in the U.S. — and 285 miles of unprotected, bare steel pipe in its system.

Consumers Energy has 575 miles of cast-iron pipe and 203 miles of unprotected, bare steel line. It's the kind of outdated pipe considered most at risk of failure by federal regulators. Replacement plans are expected to take 25 years or more.

DTE gas leak surveys showed average hazardous leak counts quadrupled from 2006 to 1,248 in 2010. More than a quarter of the leaks in that average were caused by corrosion, according to data from regulators.

The problems help make the case for more investment in renewable energy, said Anne Woiwode, director of the nonprofit environmental group Sierra Club's Michigan chapter. "The lack of a long-term strategy for how we get to Michigan-owned clean power is a serious problem we continue to face."

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has doubled the size of its headquarters and added new rigs to its fleet. It plans to add an office in southeast Ohio.

"Our business is fueling America," said Conway, who moved to Michigan 11 years ago to work for Ward Williston Oil. "We're reducing our reliance on foreign oil. We're bootstrapping America. The oil and gas industry is now one of the hottest industries. It's just not one of the most well-liked."



## MEET NATHAN CONWAY

**Title:** CEO  
**Education:** Minot State University in North Dakota, bachelor's degree; University of Michigan, master's of business administration  
**Family:** Wife Molly  
**Hobbies:** Traveling, golf  
**Car he drives:** 2013 BMW 550

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Peninsula, according to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

"I think we'll see ongoing development," said Hal Fitch, chief of the regulatory department's oil, gas and minerals office. "It all comes down to balancing the demands for energy, the respect for property rights — and protecting the environment."

To reach deposits, companies and investors take risks and go through regulators and environmentalists, some of whom have opposed drilling and new methods, such as fracking, which they

worry pose safety risks to residents and could do ecological harm.

"Right there, you have a built-in, natural tension," said Arthur Siegal, an environmental attorney.

Siegal, a Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss partner, this summer represented Scio Township residents who organized as Citizens for Oil-Free Backyards to fight West Bay's operations in their community near Ann Arbor.

Laura Robinson, president of Citizens for Oil-Free Backyards, said the group is concerned about the harmful effects of drilling on the environment and to their safety. Even if a community chooses to welcome drilling, it should be

protected, she said.

The group was unable to persuade the courts to stop drilling, but West Bay said its exploratory well was dry and quit operations there.

Meanwhile in Livonia, Kirksey said the community has embraced drilling and the city has earned a total of about \$500,000 in royalties. That doesn't include what residents with homes on top of deposits are getting — some earning \$200 or so each month, depending on the agreement and size of their lots.

"I thought it was a wonderful opportunity," Kirksey said. "Millions of people have passed by and not known it was there. You really have to know where to look."

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generation — more than 1.6 times the state's current energy needs. That capacity is the 18th best wind resource in the U.S.

» **Solar:** Michigan generated just 33 gigawatt hours of photovol-

taic solar power in 2012, but it has the potential to generate 74,373 gigawatt hours per year through rooftop solar panel programs and other solar utility efforts. That's enough power to serve Detroit's needs for a year and then some.

» **Biomass:** Michigan could produce 4 million dry tons of

sustainable feedstock each year for bioenergy, enough to produce 50 million gallons of ethanol that could power more than 80,000 cars each year.

Sources: National Renewable Energy Laboratory, Natural Resources Defense Council, American Wind Energy Association, U.S. Geological Survey

# McKenzie hopes dad's lessons lead to Washington

By Brad Kadrich  
Staff Writer

When Bobby McKenzie was in high school, people told him he was never going to play basketball.

Remembering the lessons his father taught him – “Don’t let anything stand in your way” – McKenzie was a team captain at Crestwood High School and walked on for Tom Izzo at Michigan State University.

Now embroiled in a race for the U.S. House 11th District seat against Republican multimillionaire David Trott, McKenzie, a Canton Democrat, is hearing the same message: “You can’t do it.”

He’s hoping history repeats itself and he’s counting on the influence of his father, a polio survivor and longtime small-business owner, to get him there.

“He’s one of the pillars of my life,” McKenzie said during a recent interview. “He imbued in me the idea you fight, don’t give up and you don’t let things get in your way.”

## Learning lessons

They were lessons forged as he grew up in Dearborn Heights, after his grandfather brought the family north from Alabama. His father has owned the same small vacuum cleaner sales and repair service in Westland for 50 years.

And his dad thinks, despite the polls and the pundits who say otherwise, his son makes an excellent candidate.

“He’s a unique individual in a very positive sense,” Bobby McKenzie Jr. said. “He knows what it takes to make things happen. In direct sales, you have to make it happen. Everybody wants to make things happen, but not everybody is willing to do what it takes. Bobby is willing.”

McKenzie, who worked part time for his dad’s business as a youngster, had his eyes on bigger prizes growing up. While studying economics at Michigan State, McKenzie, not the tallest player in the world, walked on for Izzo’s Spartans.

## Last guy

He remembers asking Izzo once if there was “any chance” he was ever going to see game action and Izzo’s matter-of-fact



SHIRIN KHAN

Bobby McKenzie, who now lives in Canton, grew up in Dearborn Heights, earned a bachelor’s degree from Michigan State and was a walk-on for the Spartans basketball team.

response: No. “I was the last guy on the bench,” McKenzie said with a smile. “In (Izzo’s) mind, I was probably the last guy on all of his benches.”

Still, McKenzie prepared, and eventually saw 9.6 seconds during mop-up time against Central Michigan in a Thanksgiving tournament in 1997.

“For me, it was the idea of getting in the game,” McKenzie said. “It was something I wanted to do. It was being on the team, being able to compete in practice. Being in that environment was an experience. I was humbled.”

McKenzie went on to earn a master’s degree in security

studies from Georgetown University and eventually earned a graduate fellowship in the CIA. At the tender age of 19, McKenzie was an analyst focused on the politics of the Middle East.

## Dreams realized

McKenzie had fulfilled two dreams.

“Two things I wanted to do as a kid – play basketball at MSU and go into the FBI,” he said. “(The CIA fellowship) was another extraordinary opportunity and I was grateful to get it.”

When the two-year fellowship ended, McKenzie went

into the private sector, though he continued to be a political analyst.

Most recently, McKenzie was a senior adviser in the Bureau of Counterterrorism at the U.S. Department of State. Before that, he worked on African refugee issues and taught courses at Wayne State University as an adjunct lecturer.

Not surprisingly, his dad thinks that varied experience makes his son a perfect candidate.

## World views

“He’s been all around the world. I think that experience

will have a great impact (on his ability to be effective), particularly with everything happening on the planet Earth at this time,” the elder McKenzie said. “It’s a very unique time, especially in the Middle East. It sure won’t hurt having the kind of experience he has.”

McKenzie notes the influence his family has had. His grandfather, with only an eighth-grade education, brought the family to Dearborn Heights and found work on the docks. His dad has plugged away for five decades as a small-business owner.

And his mother has been behind a lot of the success. To this day, she’s both his biggest fan and biggest critic. McKenzie remembers being interviewed by Chuck Stokes of WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) recently and the phone call he got from his mother afterward.

## Sitting up

“She called to tell me I was slouching,” McKenzie said, laughing. “Here I am on TV, running for Congress and my mom is telling me to sit up straighter. She’s my biggest critic, but she’s a great supporter.”

Ever the optimist – and perhaps fueled by his father’s notion that you don’t let things stand in the way – McKenzie believes he can win, despite the millions Trott can spend and despite the perception the district is too conservative for a Democrat to win.

McKenzie takes issue with that last notion.

“I don’t think it’s as partisan as people think,” McKenzie said. “At the end of the day, people want to know their kids can find a job here. They want to find people who will look beyond the labels.”

While McKenzie said he hasn’t been surprised by much on the campaign trail, he has been struck by the amount of involvement voters are willing to give him.

“It’s far more engaging and interesting than I thought,” McKenzie said. “I like being out talking to people. The part I enjoy the most is being out with the voters and hearing what they think.”

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# Schoolcraft College dedicates new building named in honor of school president Jeffress



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Schoolcraft College President Dr. Conway Jeffress speaks at Wednesday's dedication of the school's newest structure named after him.



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Several hundred guests, including faculty, staff and community leaders, attended Wednesday's dedication of the Jeffress Center.

Several hundred guests attended Schoolcraft College's dedication Wednesday of its new building named in honor of current President Dr. Conway A. Jeffress.

rebuilt in 2005, the Biomedical Technology Center was opened in 2008 and the Public Safety Training Complex was completed in 2013.

"During Schoolcraft College's 52-year history, the Board of Trustees only has named four buildings after individuals, so the opportunity to name a building is rare," said Brian Broderick, chair of the Board of Trustees.

Jeffress also has worked hard with the board to bring baccalaureate programs to Schoolcraft College. Pending Higher Learning Commission approval, the college will offer three bachelor's degrees in culinary arts beginning in fall 2015. Jeffress also is responsible for the Schoolcraft to U partnership with the University of Toledo and Wayne State University, which brings the opportunity to earn bachelor's and master's degrees from these institutions without leaving the Schoolcraft main campus in Livonia.

He said the decision to name the building after Jeffress, who has served the college for 32 years, was easy. "Nobody has done more for Schoolcraft College than Dr. Jeffress," Broderick said.

One of the main purposes for the Jeffress Center, which opened in fall 2014, is to offer bachelor's and master's degree programs through a university partnership with Wayne State University and the University of Toledo. The renovation of the building also has freed space on the rest of

Jeffress became president of Schoolcraft College in July 2001 after serving as the college's vice president of instruction and student services. He has led the college into unprecedented physical growth and academic excellence. Under Jeffress' leadership, the VisTaTech Center opened in September 2003. The Bradner Library was



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Dr. Conway Jeffress (third from left) Brian Broderick (second from right), chair of the Board of Trustees, and others cut the ribbon at the official dedication Wednesday of the Jeffress Center on the campus of Schoolcraft College.

the campus for academic and enrichment program expansion. It also has allowed for enhanced functionality for the Continuing Education

and Professional Development program; significant expansion of the Business Development Center; and amplifies the physical presence of the

Schoolcraft College Foundation on campus. The Jeffress Center is the 12th building on the college's main campus in Livonia.

The college purchased the former insurance building at the corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, which became the Jeffress Center, in 2013.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Supports Smith-Tyge**

This Nov. 4, I will be voting for Nate Smith-Tyge to represent the state House 20th District in the Legislature. With that vote, I will be standing with others who believe that our traditional public schools, their students and their staffs have not been well-served by the votes of our current representa-

tative. By supporting Nate Smith-Tyge, I will be voting to restore the state cuts that have been made to the foundation allowance for Michigan's K-12 students. In 2010-11, when Kurt Heise was first elected, Plymouth-Canton's foundation allowance was \$7,436 per pupil. In 2014-15 Plymouth-Canton's per-pupil allowance is \$7,241. These numbers represent cuts that directly affect our students.

By state law, our school board needs to develop a balanced budget, leading to difficult decisions that impact P-CCS classrooms on a daily basis. Our school district has lost \$30,963,780 in foundation allowance money when one compares the 2010-11 per-pupil allocation to the allowances of the subsequent four years. This trend is unacceptable.

My vote for Smith-Tyge also means a vote to roll back the state Legislature's decision to lift the cap on the number of charter schools in this state. The growth of charter schools has meant the diversion of tax money to for-profit companies. For-profit charters account for



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Voters have taken advantage of a variety of candidate forums, like this one at Canton Township Hall.

approximately 80 percent of Michigan's charters, which means that Michigan now leads the nation in the number of for-profit charters. The state sends our tax dollars to the charters, but has maintained virtually a hands-off policy regarding regulation of these schools. (For more information read the special report of the *Detroit Free Press*: "State of Charter Schools: How Michigan Spends \$1 Billion But Fails to Hold Schools Accountable.") This trend is also unacceptable.

My support for Smith-Tyge is also based upon his educational expertise. He is currently a doctoral student in education policy at MSU. We need someone with his deep base of knowledge to be at the table when decisions are made that affect our children's educational experiences. We need someone who will represent the mainstream values of our community. We need someone who will speak the same truths in Lansing that he does in our

district, someone who is willing to work with both political parties for the benefit of our children.

Plymouth and Canton need someone like Nate Smith-Tyge as our state representative. Please join me in supporting his candidacy when you cast your vote for the state House 20th District representative. It is time for a change in Lansing.

**Nancy Sullivan**  
Plymouth

**Slavens best choice**

We want a state government that works for the people and we deserve a state senator who will always put constituents before politics. In the race for state Senate, Dian Slavens has "walked the walk." As a state representative, she voted to cut lawmakers' salaries - including her own - by 10 percent. Dian also championed a plan to end taxpayer-funded lifetime health care for lawmakers and voluntarily gave up the expensive perk for herself and because of the hard work of Rep. Slavens this plan is now law!

At the beginning of her current term in the state House, she went against the recommendation of her party's leaders and was one of only two members of the House to oppose Rep. Jase Bolger as Speaker of the House because of his involvement in a vote-rigging scandal. Many politicians talk about a more accountable government all the time, but Dian Slavens actually works to achieve it! Dian Slavens is the best choice for state Senate.

**Ethan Petzold**  
Canton

**Supports Pagan**

I first met Kristy Pagan a couple of months ago at my first union meeting. I still remember Kristy coming up to me and asking me what times they usually start and since I knew just as little as she did, we both got to talking. She knew my brother from school and we had many similar teachers from Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. What struck me about her was her passion for her roots and wanting to make vital change in the community. She realizes the importance of making sure the education she got as a student in the public schools in Plymouth-Canton remains a top priority when she gets to Lansing.

Even still, it is Kristy's ability to make time for you that separates her from other candidates. I teach social studies at Starkweather Academy at Fiegel in Plymouth-Canton and we had just had a career fair where many adults in the community talked about what they did for a living. As the civics teacher at my school, I wanted badly for there to be a politician there to speak to my students.

When I mentioned this to Kristy, whom I just met, without hesitation, she said she'd love to come speak to my students. I knew she was busy with a campaign, but sure enough, within a couple days, Kristy was in my classroom answering questions, explaining her background, her reason for going into politics and, most importantly, telling my students (many are 18 or older) the importance to vote.

On Nov. 4, I will be taking her important message and voting for Kristy Pagan, not just because she cares about our community or because she is passionate about making positive change, but unlike many other politicians, Kristy follows through on what she says she will do.

**Luke Haddad**  
Canton

**School board support**

There is a school board election in November and the outcome is vitally important to the future of our district. School board candidates who will ensure that every child receives an excellent education need to be elected. With the current time commitment approximately 30-35 hours a week, we need to elect people who have proven they are willing and able to fulfill this commitment.

Kate Borninski has worked tirelessly for the students of this district. She has volunteered on numerous initiatives that have enriched our district as a whole in addition to the work she has done in her children's

classrooms and schools. Kate's attendance at school board meetings, workshops, and forums rivals that of the present board members giving her extensive knowledge of the issues facing this district. Kate has a graduate of the district as well as children attending middle and high school. She is also an educator who student taught in a Plymouth-Canton TAG classroom.

Kim Crouch has been a school board member for almost two years dedicating many hours to reading, research, meeting with stakeholders, attending district events, and of course actual board meetings. Kim's three children are students in the district; she has a child in elementary, middle, and high school so she understands the issues at each educational level. Kim has proven to the community that she is an advocate for the education of all our children and should be retained.

Michael Siegrist graduated from Plymouth-Canton schools. The education he received allowed him to successfully complete his education at a competitive university. Michael was an elected member of the Canton Public library board when he resided in Canton Township and he is currently an adviser to the Key Club at the Park. Michael will be able to bring the perspective of a 21st century learner to the school board.

Each of the candidates I am supporting this year brings a unique quality that I believe will be vital to the school board. I know that these three candidates will work hard to provide our students with the exceptional educational opportunities they need to succeed.

**Patti McCoin**  
Plymouth

**'Cozy' relationship**

What do you think of when you hear the word "cozy?" A cozy cafe? A cozy cottage? A cozy campfire?

For me, I think of the cozy relationship between Rep. Kurt Heise and Gov. Rick Snyder these past few years. Heise has been the most loyal lap dog the governor could ever ask for. Snyder, in turn, threw Heise a bone by appointing his wife to Wayne County Circuit Court judge last April. That's too much cozy for my liking.

My fellow seniors whose pensions are now being taxed thanks to Heise and Snyder, let's band together and make our votes count Nov. 4. Our time has come to dump Heise and Snyder.

**John M. Vraniak**  
Plymouth Township

**Ugliness must abate**

The election is nearing and the din of political messages on the airwaves, billboards, mass mailings and yard signs is wearing upon the citizenry. The better citizens will not rely upon the ambiguous claims, half-truths and misrepresentations contained in these materials, but will themselves investigate the character and credentials of the candidates on the ballot.

After having received a suspicious mailing from an interloping group in Pittsburgh, Pa., libeling Carol Ann Fausone with unsubstantiated accusations, I am convinced it is time for this ugliness to abate and give the voters of this

**OBSERVER CHOICES**

With so many letters pouring in to back various candidates, here are the *Observer* endorsements in local races:

- » Plymouth-Canton Board of Education (non-partisan) - Six-year terms (2): Kate Borninski, Canton, and Michael Siegrist, Plymouth; four-year term: Kim Crouch, Canton.
- » 7th District state Senate (Plymouth, Northville, Canton, Livonia) - Dian Slavens, D-Canton.
- » 20th District state House (Plymouth, Northville, part of Canton) - Kurt Heise, R-Plymouth Township.
- » 21st District state House (Canton, Van Buren, Belleville) - Kristy Pagan, D-Canton.
- » 10th District Wayne County Commission - Shannon Price, R-Canton.

part of Michigan a chance to deliberate the facts as they are available to them, preparing themselves to cast an informed vote.

As a U.S. Air Force veteran, I have been satisfied in my own experience with Gen. Fausone and I support her bid to serve her fellow citizens again in another capacity as a representative in our state House.

Let us conduct our political business as the Founders intended, employing reason to guide us rather than allowing passions to sweep us away with the rotten fruit of the campaign season.

**Greg Stachura**  
Canton

**Supports Slavens**

I attended the recent Senate candidate forum Oct. 13 sponsored by the League of Women Voters. The incumbent Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, and challenger state Rep. Dian Slavens expressed their views. As stated in last Thursday's *Observer*, the forum showed the stark differences between the two candidates.

Colbeck was very adamant about being proud of preventing Medicaid expansion to take immediate effect. This resulted in a delay of three months. Michigan lost millions of dollars in federal funds. More important is the human costs. How many pregnant women did not get prenatal care during that time because they had no insurance? How many children had to forego vaccinations? Why did Colbeck do that? Medicaid expansion had already passed. What was to be gained by delaying its effect? Slavens would vote to give the expansion immediate effect. She wants to be sure that ordinary middle-class people are insured.

Colbeck and his Tea Party friends call the Affordable Care Act "Obamacare." That's fine. But then shouldn't we call Social Security "FDRCare" and Medicare "LBJCare?" I wish I could take credit for coining that term, but I can't. Richard Wiener, former chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, used these terms in a recent blog.

On the problem of the roads, there is a stark difference. Colbeck merely says "no taxes." Slavens would explore alternative revenue sources, including full use of the gasoline sales tax to fix the roads. Also she advocated keeping the Legislature in session in August to come up with a solution.

I fully support Rep. Dian Slavens to be our next senator from the 7th District and I urge voters to do the same.

**Thomas M. Hartnett**  
Canton

**Backing Pagan**

A few weeks ago, I was pleased to have an actual candidate for state

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2014**

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the Charter Township of Plymouth, Wayne County, Michigan, on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. The Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., at which time candidates for the following offices will be elected and to vote on the following proposals:

**Partisan Section:**

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**Nonpartisan Section**

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**Community College**

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**Local School District**

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**District Library**

Board Member Plymouth District

**Proposal Section**

**State**

**Proposal 14-1**

A referendum of Public Act 520 of 2012 establishing a hunting season for wolves and authorizing annual wolf hunting seasons

**Proposal 14-2**

A referendum of Public Act 21 of 2013 granting the Natural Resources Commission the power to designate wolves and certain other animals as game without legislative action

**County**

**The Wayne County Retirement Commission**

Section 6.112 of the Wayne County Home Rule Charter appoints the Wayne County Executive and the chairperson of the Wayne County Commission as members of the Wayne County Retirement Commission. Section 6.112 authorizes the Wayne County Executive to appoint a designee to represent him/her on the Retirement Commission. Shall Section 6.112 of the Wayne County Home Rule Charter be amended to authorize the chairperson of the Wayne County Commission to appoint a designee to represent him/her on the Retirement Commission?

The full text of the proposals may be obtained from Plymouth Township Clerk's Office or by visiting [www.plymouthtwp.org](http://www.plymouthtwp.org).

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On Monday, November 3, 2014 qualified voters may be issued an Absentee ballot in person, and shall vote them in the Clerk's Offices until 4:00 p.m.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available on audio tape and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Township Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Nancy Conzelman, Clerk  
Charter Township of Plymouth

LETTERS

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office, Kristy Pagan, come to my door. Kristy is the only candidate during this election season that has personally come to my door. She started by asking what issues were important to me rather than telling me what she was going to do that would benefit my family, without even knowing my family! She listened as I explained public education was my top priority. My wife and I are both public school teachers and we have a third-grader and a kindergarten in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools this year.

Kristy heard me describe the struggle I have had with Rick Snyder claiming he has increased public school funding. We now pay 20 percent of our health care deductible, have had several years of pay cuts or freezes and the three districts we are directly connected to have more students in each class now than ever before in our careers. So if there is an increase of \$1 billion over the last four years, it's not coming into any of our classrooms. Charter schools are springing up like Starbucks, with limited oversight and profit-driven policies. I told Kristy that I still do not understand why my own children in P-CCS receive \$1,000 less from the state than the students my wife and I teach in our districts. Are my kids worth less than the kids I teach? So with salaries stagnant, out-of-pocket expenses increasing and students crammed into overcrowded classrooms, I was hoping Kristy was going to offer something tangible.

Kristy's plan is solid. She wants to restore the massive cuts to the classroom we have seen under Snyder; his increased spending for education DOES NOT mean increased dollars to the classroom. Snyder has

cut funds directly out of the classroom. Kristy is determined to bring the dollars back to the classroom that we lost as Snyder gave \$1.8 billion in tax breaks to large corporations. Kristy will work to amend Proposal A to secure the school-aid fund for K-12 schools only as it was intended when put into law. If the Republicans want to continue providing tax breaks for big businesses Kristy isn't going to allow them to be on the backs of our public school children or teachers.

Never before in my career have I been so concerned for the state of public education in Michigan. We moved here when looking for teaching jobs specifically because of the reputation the public schools in Michigan carried. Under the failed policies of our current legislators, Michigan's public education system continues to be underfunded and it remains a target for those supporting the exploitation of our children as something from which they can profit. I believe Kristy Pagan will fight for public education. If you support true public education in Michigan, then Kristy Pagan deserves your vote Nov. 4.

**Seth Furlow**  
Canton

**Supporting Slavens**

Dian Slavens is my choice for state Senate. Why? She brings to the table real world clinical experience in health care. She knows this is not just a business like selling cars or sandwiches. This is a vital cornerstone to our states "health" both literally and fiscally.

In education, she demonstrates respect for public school teachers and parents and has a realistic view of funding and the long term consequences of hobbling districts like Plymouth-Canton with unrestrained charter school devel-

opment. The incumbent Patrick Colbeck appears sincere, but has stuck me as so ideologically rigid that he doesn't appear able to work with others to actually get ideas past the idea stage.

Many of his positions and claims about teachers unions, public education and health care are unsupported by facts and are so deeply rooted in ideology that they lose credibility.

Though he is an engineer by background, he sees education and health care as businessman. Based on professional and personal experience, this approach ends up being more costly.

**Marcia Peterson Buckie**  
Canton

**Politics out**

I am writing to share a concern relating to the election for the Plymouth-Canton school board.

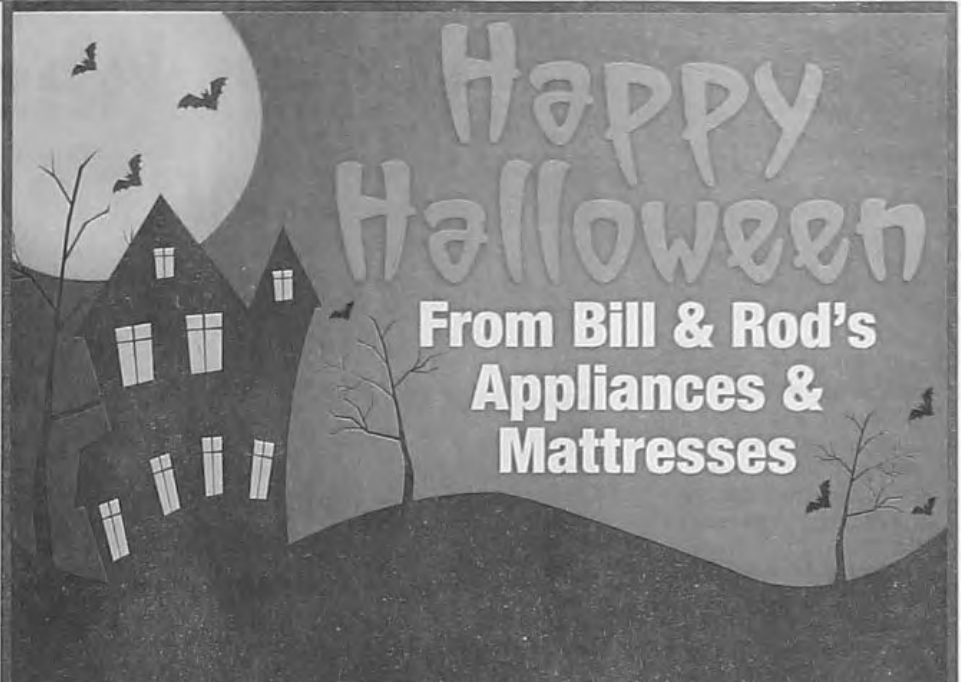
I am neither a Republican nor a Democrat; I am simply someone who cares about our public schools. As I research who I plan to vote for, I was surprised to learn that two candidates are certainly partisan and certainly politically motivated.

Kate Borninski is the current treasurer for the Canton Democratic Club and Michael Siegrist is on the board of directors for the Canton Democratic Club.

Whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, most would agree that politics do not belong on our school board. I will not be voting for these two people. Let them run for a partisan office so they can be open and honest about their political agenda.

No matter who you choose, make sure to keep politically motivated people out of our schools. We need better and honest leadership, not politics.

**Sally Charson**  
Canton



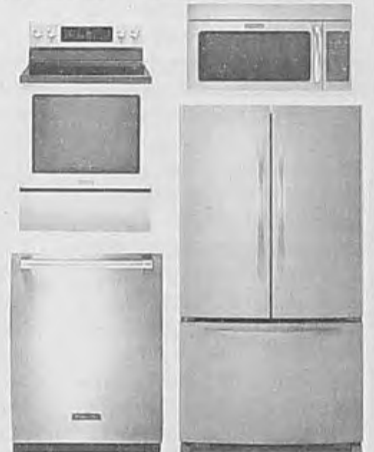
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# Michigan has had hundreds of towns with the same names

By Gene Scott  
Correspondent

Michigan has more than 3,000 incorporated and unincorporated places — cities, towns and hamlets. There used to be 2,000 more.

Official state maps list about half of these. The rest are findable in travel atlases, county and township maps or Google. I learned of this funny feature of Michigan while traveling through all 83 counties looking for ghost towns that are still alive.

During its history, Michigan has had more than 800 populated places which have shared the same name. Of these, at least 93 remain.

How can this be? Explanations may be found in local histories, but the main reason is that the duplicate town never had a post office, at least not at the same time. Many never incorporated.

Thankfully, Livonia and nearby suburbs like Canton, Farmington and Plymouth have no duplicates in Michigan. Closest of numerous other Cantons, Plymouths and Farmingtons in the U.S. are all in Ohio, 200 miles or more away. Closest of six other Livonias is in Indiana, 400 miles southwest.

## 10 same-name counterparts

Here are 10 Michigan places and their smaller same-name counterparts, where they're located and a smidgen of their histories.

» **Burton** (population 30,000) is a suburb of Flint in Genesee County, off I-69 and I-475. Started 1829, it became part of Burton Township, established 1856 and named after local farmer John



Early 1900 homes on Connecticut Avenue, Highland Park, Wayne County.



Company-built 1910 homes in Fulton, Keweenaw County.



This century-old milk plant was restored as the new city hall in Mt. Pleasant, Isabella County.

Burton. Incorporated as the city of Burton in 1976, it's had a post office since 1861.

The other Burton (pop. 50), on M-21 west of Owosso in Shiawassee County, began with Owosso Township in 1837 and was first called Mungerville, after its postmaster. Renamed Burton in 1878, it developed with the railroad and had a post office until 1936.

» **Dayton** (pop. 150), in Berrien County west of Niles, dates to 1830. Formerly Redding's Mill, it was renamed Dayton for residents from Dayton, Ohio, in 1850. Its post office closed in 1967. The Bankses centennial farm is the major landmark in this commuter town in Bertrand Township. A sign at the end of Depot Street — Detroit: 203 miles — has fallen down.

A second Dayton is in Wells Township, Tuscola County. Established 1856, this farming community of 20 homes never got much bigger than it is

today. Never had a post office. Apparently, nobody came from Ohio, so residents named their Dayton after Free Soil vice presidential candidate William Dayton.

» **Flat Rock** (pop. 8,400), in downriver Wayne County east of U.S. 24, was called Vreelandt after its first white settlers in 1829. Descendants of that first family still live there. Once a Wyandot village, it changed its name for the "smooth, flat rock" in the Huron River. Incorporated as a city in 1965, it's had a post office since 1905. Flat Rock developed with Ford and Mazda factories and has a popular motor speedway.

Up in the Upper Peninsula is another Flat Rock, 10 miles north of Escanaba and U.S. 2 in Delta County. The first town settled in the county (1844), it was named after the Esconobwa River, the Chippewa word for "flat rock." It had a post office until

1864. Labeled a ghost town, Flat Rock still has a church, tavern and about 70 residents.

» Remaining from their heydays are **Fultons** in Kalamazoo and Keweenaw counties. In Wakeshaw Township nine east of Vicksburg is the Kalamazoo Fulton. Dating to 1843, it was named after Fulton, N.Y., in 1867. In the 1880s, this Fulton had a dozen businesses, four schools and three churches. It still has a post office and 400 residents.

The Fulton in Keweenaw in the UP is on U.S. 41, a bedroom community of Houghton. It started in the 1840s as a copper mining camp, taking its name from the nearby mine. Its heyday was around 1900. Twice labeled a ghost town, Fulton still has a community hall, church and 75 homes.

» Yes, there are two **Highland Parks**. The biggest is in Wayne County, an enclave city within Detroit. It was known as Woodwardville in 1818 when Territorial Judge

Augustus Woodward attempted to build a city along Woodward Avenue. Renamed Highland Park (1889), the city grew to nearly 50,000 following Henry Ford's opening of the first automobile plant paying workers \$5 a day. Highland Park has had a population decline of 300 percent in the past 50 years, perhaps more than any other Michigan city.

The second Highland Park, on the west shore of Gull Lake in Richland Township, Kalamazoo County, started as a resort community of summer homes. It has several village amenities, but no post office. This smaller Highland Park has approximately 50 year-round residences.

» Largest of two Mt.

**Pleasant** (30,000) is in Isabella County, at U.S. 127 and M-20, and partly on Chippewa and Saginaw reservation land. It was chosen as the county seat before it had any white residents. A city by 1889, it boomed in the 1930s with oil drilling and is the home of Central Michigan University with 27,000 students. A century-old milk plant was restored as its new city hall in 2009. The Chippewa-Saginaw Tribal Council's Soaring Eagle Casino is located there.

A second Mt. Pleasant is in Casco Township, Allegan County, west of U.S. 131. Started by Chicago families in the 1920s, it is among a string

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of resort towns near Lake Michigan. It never had a post office, but has more than 100 homes, many year-round.

» There are **New Havens** in at least eight other states. Michigan has two. One (pop. 5,000) is in Macomb County, off M-19 north of Mt. Clemens. Started 1835, it was renamed New Haven when its post office opened 1838. Its restored train depot is the town's historic attraction. New Haven is among Michigan's fastest growing cities – a 50-percent population increase in the last decade.

A smaller New Haven is off M-52, six miles north of Owosso in New Haven Township, Shiawassee County. Started in 1859, it survived without a railroad, post office or much of anything. Today, there are more people in the town cemetery than in the town.

» **Sand Lake** (pop. 500), near U.S. 131 in Nelson Township, Kent County, started in 1869 as a milling center and became a tourist town. It's had a post office since 1879. Named for its sandy lake, its biggest annual event is a Mud Bog in July.

The Sand Lake in Grant Township, Iosco County, gets bigger than its counterpart when hundreds flock to their cottages around their sandy lake every summer. Ten miles northwest of Tawas City, it never had a post office.

» Before 1836, **Springport** (pop. 700) in Jackson County was a Potawatomi village. Like most Springports, it was named for its springs. The town's founder started the *Springport Signal*, a weekly newspaper still in business. Sixteen miles northwest of Jackson on M-99, it also has a motor speedway.

You might miss the Springport on U.S. 23 at Lake Huron in Alcona



The since-restored 1859 Grand Trunk RR Depot in New Haven, Shiawassee County.

County, if you speed past the golf course next to its remaining homes. Once called Sunflower Hill, the town lost its identity to nearby Harrisville long ago. Its first settlers shipwrecked there in 1846 during the birth of their son, Eugene – the first white child born in the county.

» Michigan's 10th largest city (81,000), **Troy** in Oakland County, started as Hastings in 1822. It was renamed Troy Corners because many settlers came from Troy, N.Y. A city since 1955, Troy has 5,000 business, its own airport and a historic village that includes its former township and city hall.

Much smaller is the Troy in Troy Township, Newaygo County. It has been there since 1879. It was called West Troy until Murphy's sawmill burned 70 years ago. Today, it still has a dozen homes, a bar and township hall at 13 Mile and Dickinson roads. Troy's mail has always come from the closest larger town, Bitely.

As to the other 67 places with duplicate names, here's a list and their counties, but you'll have to find them yourself. Note: None of the

towns are in the same county. Many have been prematurely labeled ghost towns.

Four towns are quadruplicates – **Maple Groves** in Barry, Marquette, Muskegon and Saginaw counties. Fifteen are triplicates, which accounts for the total of 87 same name places. They are: **North Lake** in Lapeer, Marquette and Van Buren counties; **Stony Creek** in Monroe, Oakland and Washtenaw; **Twin Lakes** in Cass, Houghton and Muskegon; **Wildwood** in Charlevoix, Cheboygan and Crawford; and **Woodville** in Bay, Jackson and Newaygo.

The other 54 duplicates are: **Allenton**, **Alton**, **Austin**, **Beaver**, **Campbell**, **Charleston**, **Deerfield Center**, **Dover**, **Elmwood**, **Forestville**, **Homestead**, **Indian-town**, **Lakewood**, **Mapleton**, **Maple Valley**, **Millville**, **Newark**, **Not-tawa**, **Oak Grove**, **Oak-wood**, **Pine Creek**, **Pleasant Valley**, **Thomas**, **Westwood**, **Whitney**, **Wolf Lake** and **Wood-land Beach**. Incidentally, there once was another Garden City (in Keweenaw County) and Oak Park (now called Level Park, a Battle Creek

suburb).

Many other Michigan towns, long gone now, once shared same names – more than 700 others. There might have been even more, had no one bothered to check if they



Entrance to Springport Motor Speedway on M-99, Kalamazoo County.

got incorporated or had a post office. Many town names were changed to comply with postal rules. Despite all the duplications, each town has had its own unique history. To learn more, you might want to check the 196 county history books in major libraries in Ann Arbor, Detroit and Lan-

sing. Gene Scott has been a Livonia Historical Society member for about 12 years. He is a retired editor and teacher who has published four books on the histories of Michigan towns. The most recent is "Michigan Shadow Towns." He and wife Barb have lived in Livonia for 23 years.

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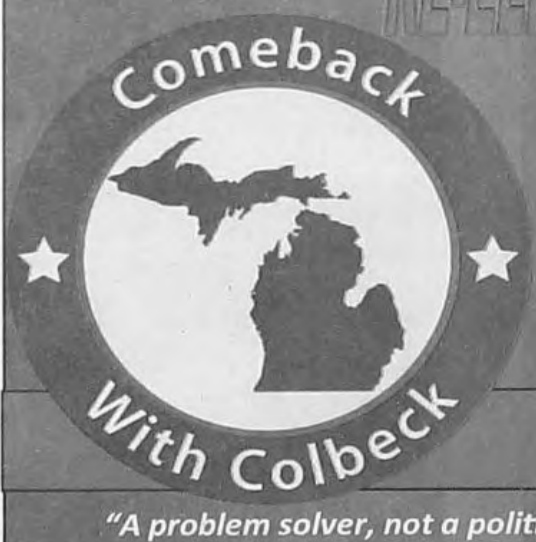
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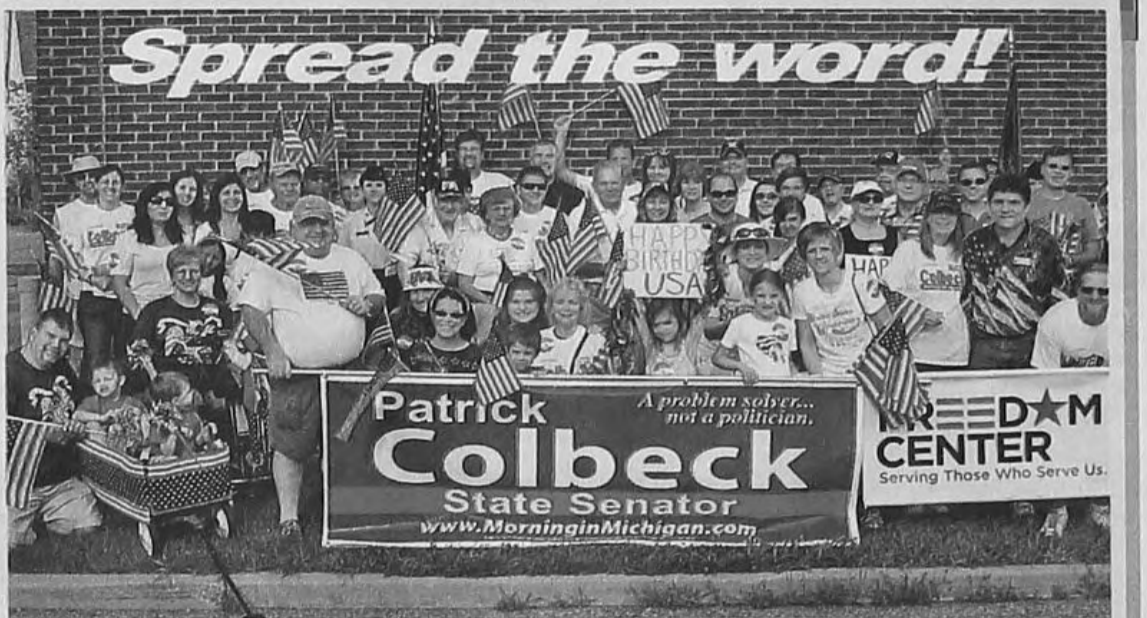


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Patrick Colbeck is currently serving his first term in elected office as the State Senator for MI's 7th District. Starting in 2014 the district will include the communities of Plymouth, Canton, Northville, Livonia and Wayne. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan with Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Aerospace Engineering as well as a graduate of the International Space University in Strasbourg, France. Included in his **over 20 years of engineering and management** work in a variety of industries, he has worked on systems for the International Space Station and instructed students at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center's Space Camp. He and his wife, Angie, are members of Northridge Church and have been residents of Canton Township for 18 years.

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## Chiefs' running game leads rout of Cowboys

Canton powers way to 50-13 shellacking of Detroit Western

By Evan Paputa  
Correspondent

Canton was chomping at the bit all week to avenge last week's heart-wrenching conference championship loss to South Lyon.

The Chiefs had to wait 20 minutes longer than they anticipated, but came out victorious in a 50-13 stomping of visiting Detroit Western International, which arrived at the field at 6:28 p.m. for the scheduled 6:30 kick-off.

Canton's running game stole the show with 383 out of the team's 450 total yards. Sophomore Marcus Sanders led the Chiefs' vaunted rushing attack with 212 yards and three touchdowns.

He scored from 16, 37, and 30 yards out, all in the first half, to help propel Canton (7-2) to a 36-7 halftime lead.

"We needed a big win to get our confidence up again coming after last week's loss; it was a tough one," Canton senior quarterback Greg Williams (3-of-3 passing for 67 yards) said.

Seniors Brian Newton (seven carries for 76 yards and two touchdowns) and Jake Pagel (three carries for 48 yards) also scored rushing touchdowns for Canton in the first half.

Newton started the scoring on the opening possession of the game on a 4-yard plunge that capped a 71-yard drive in two minutes.

Pagel found the end zone from 2 yards out to put Canton up 29-7 with 5:45 remaining in the second quarter.

A bright spot for Detroit Western (4-5) came on its first touchdown. On third-and-eight from the Canton 43-yard line, senior quarterback Jalen Ewing threw a strike to junior wide receiver Jaye Patrick (four catches for 51 yards), who was just past the first-down marker in the middle of the field. Without looking, Patrick tossed a picture-perfect pitch to senior running back and Central Michigan verbal commit Romello Ross.

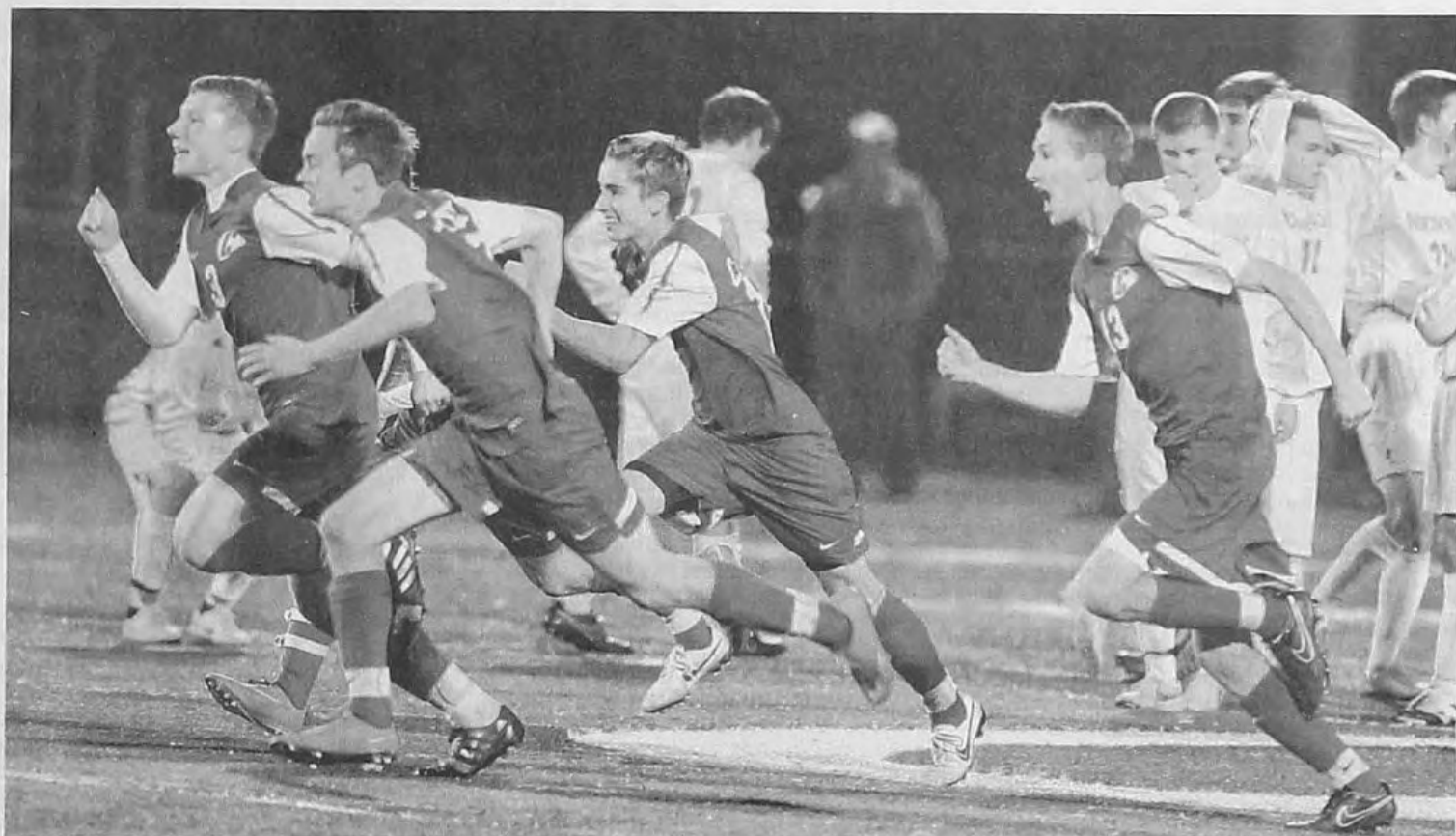
Ross caught the pitch and did the rest to complete the 57-yard Cowboys hook-and-ladder to get to within 8-7 five minutes into the game.

"We were practicing it all week in practice. I honestly didn't know if the coaches were going to run it or not, but when he called it, I knew what I was supposed to do," said Ross (17 carries for 68 yards). "The receiver delivered the ball and it was off to the races."

After Ross' touchdown, the Canton defense stood tall. It forced an interception and then three consecutive punts – in addition to the Cowboys having the ball as the first half ended – before Western scored with nine seconds left in the third quarter as Ewing found Patrick in the end zone all alone. The Patrick touchdown closed a 13-play, 78-yard drive that ate up 8:45 of clock.

"It was all about heart tonight.

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Running past disbelieving Northville players, Canton soccer players take off toward their goalie Andrew Loehnis after he and the rest of the Chiefs stoned the Mustangs on penalty kicks.

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## ON TO THE SEMIFINALS

Canton scores late to tie game, then Loehnis robs Northville in PKs to win regional final

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

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"My boys all stepped up," Canton head coach Mark Zemanski said. "Hunter Olson stepped up, Matthew Causley stepped up.

"My seniors in the back, Sam (Belcher), Chris (Doolley), Nick (Wendel), Kyle (Mettlach) all stepped up and did a great job.

"Northville battled us and played really hard, they should be proud of themselves. It's a tough way to lose."



Canton senior goalkeeper Andrew Loehnis dives to block this Northville penalty kick Friday night.

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Northville head coach Henry Klimes said his team "knew coming in it was going to be a great soccer game. ... It was a great game. There was nothing more I could have asked for."

Indeed, it wasn't easy, other than an own goal credited to Canton with one second to play in the first half to send the teams to halftime 1-1.

The Chiefs (22-0-3) needed a brilliant, clutch goal by junior midfielder Hunter Olson with 4:58 to play in regulation to knot the score at 2-2.

And after that, it was the Andrew Loehnis Show as the senior goalkeeper stoned the Mustangs (14-6-3) in the two 10-minute extra sessions and penalty kicks.

With the first OT winding down, Alec Morgan's free kick from 40 yards flew into a crowd in front of Loehnis. Getting a head on it was Northville's Johnny Rodriguez and the ball caromed toward the top of the cage.

But Loehnis skied as high as he could to snare the ball. Then in PKs, Loehnis dove to deny a bid by Blake Becker and batted away another attempt taken by Kyle Johnson.

### Closing the door

Canton ultimately won the PK round when junior midfielder Jason Ren's hard shot bounced in off the body of Mustangs goalkeeper Manuel Kansy (who took over from starter Alec Melucci after overtime).

"I was just thinking, 'I got to be on top, I got to get the job done' and coach chose me to get the job done," Loehnis said. "Jay (Krebs, Canton's usual goalie for PKs) is out with a sprained ankle, so

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## Eagles don't flinch, but clinch

Wyman's serving prowess sparks PCA spikers to big victory on senior night

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

When Abby Wyman gets into a zone — literally — it's usually a thing to behold for Plymouth Christian Academy's varsity volleyball team.

Such definitely was the case Thursday night as the senior middle hitter's proficiency from the serving stripe helped turn the tide in the Eagles' four-set victory over visiting Huron Valley Lutheran.

The 25-21, 23-25, 25-20, 25-13 win enabled PCA to outright clinch the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division championship (24-4, 9-1).

It also was a triumphant finish for PCA's senior night. All five seniors started the match and made strong contributions to the victory. In



Bumping the ball for Plymouth Christian during Thursday's contest is sophomore Olivia Mady (left), with freshman Grace Kellogg providing encouragement.

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addition to Wyman, those players were right-side hitter Kelsey Williamson, defensive

specialist Callie Morby, setter Raina Postma and middle hitter Danielle Witkowski.

"She's one of the most consistent players I've ever coached," Eagles head coach Katie Decker said about Wyman. "She just doesn't mess up. She's consistent, her fundamentals are strong.

"She spot serves and really threw off their serve-receive and caused a lot of problems for them."

Wyman, who chalked up nine kills and five aces, stepped up to the line with the Hawks leading 11-10 in the third set, with the match tied at one set each.

Her first serve led to the tying point when sophomore middle hitter Aliyah Pries drilled one over the net, finishing off a perfect pass from sophomore setter Jessica Paulson.

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GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

# Young Salem outdistances pack

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer



Salem's outstanding talent pool keeps getting deeper and deeper.

The Rocks prevailed at Thursday's Livonia Franklin Junior Varsity Invitational at Nankin Mills in Westland.

Not only did the Rocks finish first in the junior/senior competition (with 15 points, far ahead of runner-up Franklin's 73) they also triumphed in the freshman/sophomore race with 24 points, bettering Walled Lake Northern (43 points).

"Very impressive performance today by our JV squads," Salem head coach Dave Gerlach said. "The girls competed to their potential and ran terrific on a wet course."

"Our JV showed that we are a complete program today from top to bottom. I was very proud of them as a coach."

Salem runners also earned first-place individual honors in both races. Junior Kayla De-laCruz (20:57) and freshman Hannah Jeffress (20:34) did the honors.

In the junior/senior race, De-laCruz was followed by teammates in the next six places. Those were junior Kaya Knake

(second, 21:00), junior Karissa McCarthy (third, 21:13), senior Katy Robeson (fourth, 21:14), junior Brianna Essien (fifth, 21:17), junior Gabby De-laCruz (sixth, 21:18) and senior Marlo Sharpe (seventh, 21:19).

Salem also dominated the top 10 in the freshman/sophomore race.

Following Jeffress were sophomore Erin McCann (second, 20:36), freshman Shea Wilson (fourth, 21:08), sophomore Leah Stevens (eighth, 21:42) and freshman Jessica Hughes (ninth, 21:45).

As for other Plymouth-Canton Educational Park teams, Canton and Plymouth finished fifth and sixth in both races, respectively.

Canton's leading runners were junior Mary Galm (17th, 22:31) and sophomore Elaine Bra-dlee (22nd, 22:50).

For Plymouth, junior Allison Morren (21st, 23:10) and freshman Kelly Gryniewicz (24th, 22:52) had the top performances.

# Sonny days: Milano returns as Whalers blank Steelheads

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

Sonny Milano is the kind of highly skilled, awe-inspiring offensive player that routinely lifts hockey fans out of their seats.

On Friday night at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township, approximately 1,600 spectators saw for themselves what all the buzz surrounding the rookie forward was all about as he made his 2014-15 Plymouth Whalers and OHL debut in a 5-0 win over Mississauga.

It only took Milano — a Columbus Blue Jackets draft choice in June who missed a month with an injury — 78 seconds to earn his first point for the Whalers, assisting on Matt Miste-le's power-play goal.

In the middle period, Milano drew two more assists (Mistele's second goal and one by Mathew Campagna) to help stake the Whalers to a five-goal lead that held up the rest of the way.

Also scoring for the Whalers (6-5-1) was another rookie forward, Will Bitten. He put two shots past Steelheads goalie Cameron Zanussi.

Meanwhile, it was a relatively quiet night for



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Highly touted rookie forward Sonny Milano (shown in a preseason game) made his 2014-15 regular season debut Friday night for the Whalers in their game against Mississauga and recorded three assists.

Plymouth goaltender Alex Nedeljkovic, who only needed to make 16 stops for the shutout. Nedeljkovic registered two shutouts in two nights, also blanking Windsor on Thursday night.

Milano is trying to make up for losing the first month of the season after suffering a facial fracture during the NHL Prospects Tournament in Traverse City.

Whatever Milano is able to bring to the team will be a plus for first-year head coach Don Elland and general manager Mark Craig, whose team went 2-2 during a long road trip that was far more costly than how it impacted the West Division standings.

The Whalers will be scrambling to replenish the roster after sustaining a major injury and two suspensions during the course of the trek —

which concluded with Thursday's 1-0 victory over Windsor.

Defenseman and team captain Alex Peters sustained a significant knee injury Oct. 17 at Kingston (a 6-4 loss) and might need season-ending surgery. Team officials are still assessing his situation.

Meanwhile, the Whalers returned home with two other defencemen — Rochester's Mitch Jones and Gianluca Curcuruto — sidelined with suspensions of eight and 12 games, respectively. The suspensions were levied by the OHL for hits to the head of opponents.

In Thursday's triumph over the Spitfires, winger Danny Vander-wiel tallied his fourth goal of the season just 2:24 into the contest. Setting up the goal were Bitten and Victor Crus Rydberg. That proved to

be all the Whalers needed, as Nedeljkovic turned aside all 30 shots he saw.

Vander-wiel also lit the lamp in the Kingston game, scoring twice, along with single goals by Cullen Mercer and Mistele. But the Frontenacs held on for the victory.

On Oct. 18, Plymouth edged Peterborough 4-3 in a shootout. The Whalers were buoyed by a stellar, 45-save performance by backup goaltender Zack Bowman.

But Sunday at Ottawa, the game where Curcuruto delivered a check that resulted in his suspension, the Whalers fell 5-3.

Getting on the board for Plymouth were Connor Chatham (his fifth), Yannick Rathgeb and Mathieu Henderson.

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## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### MU spikers in first

The Madonna University women's volleyball team pulled back into first place in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference with a 25-22, 25-21, 25-22 win at home Wednesday night over Aquinas College.

The 15th-ranked Crusaders, now 29-5 overall,

find themselves deadlocked in the WHAC for the top spot at 14-2 along with University of Northwestern Ohio and No. 14 Davenport University. (Northwestern Ohio beat Davenport in three sets also Wednesday night.)

Senior outside hitter Casey Gates, native of Jackson Center, Ohio,

powered MU's hitting attack with 21 kills to go along with 12 digs.

Hannah Poole added 11 kills, while Kayla Vogel and Emily Johnston each added nine.

The Crusaders are off until 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29 when travel to Adrian to face Siena Heights University in a WHAC encounter.



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SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE ROUNDUP

# Soccer teams gear up for regionals

Ocelots goalie Hernandez honored by NJCAA following three-shutout week

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer



SCHOOLCRAFT ATHLETICS  
Schoolcraft's Andres Hernandez recently won NJCAA Goalie of the Week honors.

With the postseason looming, both Schoolcraft soccer teams are in pretty good shape to say the least.

Schoolcraft's women soccer team enjoyed a successful weekend trek to Ohio, with a 4-0 win at Cincinnati State and 1-1 tie at Owens CC enabling the Lady Ocelots to clinch the MCCA Eastern Conference Tournament with a four-day tally of 1,310. Mott won with 1,186.

Perry (81-85-78-77-321) and Hackman (81-80-81-86-328) came in 15th and 19th overall, respectively.

The tournament took place with 18-hole rounds in Dearborn, Battle Creek, Flint and Roscommon between Sept. 8 and Oct. 10.

Sharing the shutout in goal were Kaitlyn Dangelmaier and Salem alum Aly Mann, each making three saves.

"We looked really good," said Shivraman about the win. "Our possession and level of play was high."

On the 1-1 tie Saturday at Owens, the Lady Ocelots took a lead in the first half on Remy Houttekier's free-kick goal.

Owens scored before half-time on a scramble, and the teams continued to play the

rest of regulation and two overtimes with no further scoring.

"We had countless opportunities, but couldn't score," Shivraman said. "Overall, I was pleased with our play and determination."

All the Ocelot men's team needs to secure the outright championship of the MCCA is a win or tie Saturday at home against Lake Michigan.

But MCCA information director Tod Hess said the team is still trying to find out where it stands in the Region XII tourney that begins Wednesday. Hess noted that the "men's side is a jumble after the weekend."

Schoolcraft (12-2-0, 11-2-0) looked set up for a top spot, until losing 4-2 Saturday at Cincinnati State.

The Ocelots spotted their opponent four goals in the first half, but did respond with markers by Jon Quintana and Victor Contreras in the 60th and 82nd minutes, respectively.

### NJCAA honors

Schoolcraft men's soccer freshman Andres Hernandez was recently honored by the NJCAA as its goalie of the

week.

Hernandez played all but 14 minutes of three Schoolcraft shutouts, a streak capped off by a 1-0 shutout against Ancilla on Oct. 12 that clinched the Ocelots at least a share of the conference championship.

His biggest save against Ancilla came in the waning seconds of regulation as he acrobatically tipped a shot over the crossbar.

Following that contest, he posted a 7-1-0 record and 0.84 average with four shutouts and a .868 save percentage.

### Golfers compete

The Schoolcraft College Golf Invitational held Oct. 13 at Walnut Creek Country Club in South Lyon went to Mott Community College.

The Bears tallied a 6-over par 294, followed by Oakland Community College (298), St. Clair CC (310) and the host Ocelots (fourth, 326).

Tallying a 5-over 77 for Schoolcraft was Eric Perry. Next on the scorecard for the Ocelots were Jalen Teifin (81), Chad Berger and Austin Harris (tied for 29th with 84s).

Finishing with 86s (tied for 32nd) for Schoolcraft were Sean Hackman and Ray Po-

kerwinski.

Schoolcraft also took fourth at the recent MCCA Eastern Conference Tournament with a four-day tally of 1,310. Mott won with 1,186.

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### Spikers fall

On Tuesday in the home finale for Schoolcraft's women's volleyball team, the Lady Ocelots dropped a three-set match to Mott Community College (losing 25-19, 26-24, 25-17).

Top offensive players for Schoolcraft included outside hitters Ajsha Davie (eight kills), Morgan Copperstone of Livonia Stevenson (seven kills) and right-side hitter Sydnee Miller (seven kills).

Contributing 17 and nine assists, respectively, were setters Lindsey Umin and Julene Pummill (Garden City).

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## EAGLES

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### Taking control

Six Wyman-served points later, the Hawks called timeout trying to figure out a way to stop the bleeding with PCA up 17-11. The Eagles led by three or more points the rest of that set.

In the fourth set, Wyman enjoyed a five-point string to pad PCA's lead to 19-8 and make the clincher a foregone conclusion.

"I think everybody played great. This was a great game to have as our senior night," Wyman said. "I'm really proud of everybody. I think this is a great way to end our conference and go on to districts."

Asked about what makes her tick when she gets rolling in the serving department, she couldn't help but smile.

"I just kind of zone everything out, our coach (assistant D.J. Kellogg) was calling the zones where to serve it," Wyman said. "So I was just focusing on him trying to see where he wanted me to serve it - and just hoping I'd get it in."

Other big performers for PCA included Postma (22 assists), sophomore outside hitter Olivia Mady (13 kills, eight digs, six aces), freshman defensive specialist Grace Kellogg (13 digs, seven kills), sophomore libero Divna Roi (10 digs) and Paulson (14 assists).

For the Hawks (21-14-5, 5-5), hard-hitting senior outside hitter Madison Dest played a strong match with 20 kills and six digs with senior setter Anne St. John (19 assists) and senior outside hitter Nikki Alcini (five kills) chipping in.

"We played in spurts," Huron Valley head coach Mike Dest said. "We played in spurts, we just gave too many free balls away, too many errors. You can't do that against a good team."

### Special night

Decker said clinching the MIAC Blue on senior night made for a special night all around.

"We had a whole cheering section over there of their friends," Decker said. "This is such a great group of seniors. These guys were sophomores when I came in and started coaching here. I've had three years to bond with them and they're such a great group of girls."

"They will definitely be missed next year, but they played awesome tonight."

But not until Wyman triggered the win in the third set with her dominant serving did the Eagles start to mesh. For much of the first two sets and well into the third, the Hawks gave PCA a lot to handle.

"We struggled on serve-receive a little bit," Decker said. "They (Hawks) have some great servers. They have a couple girls that have a nice, hard serve."



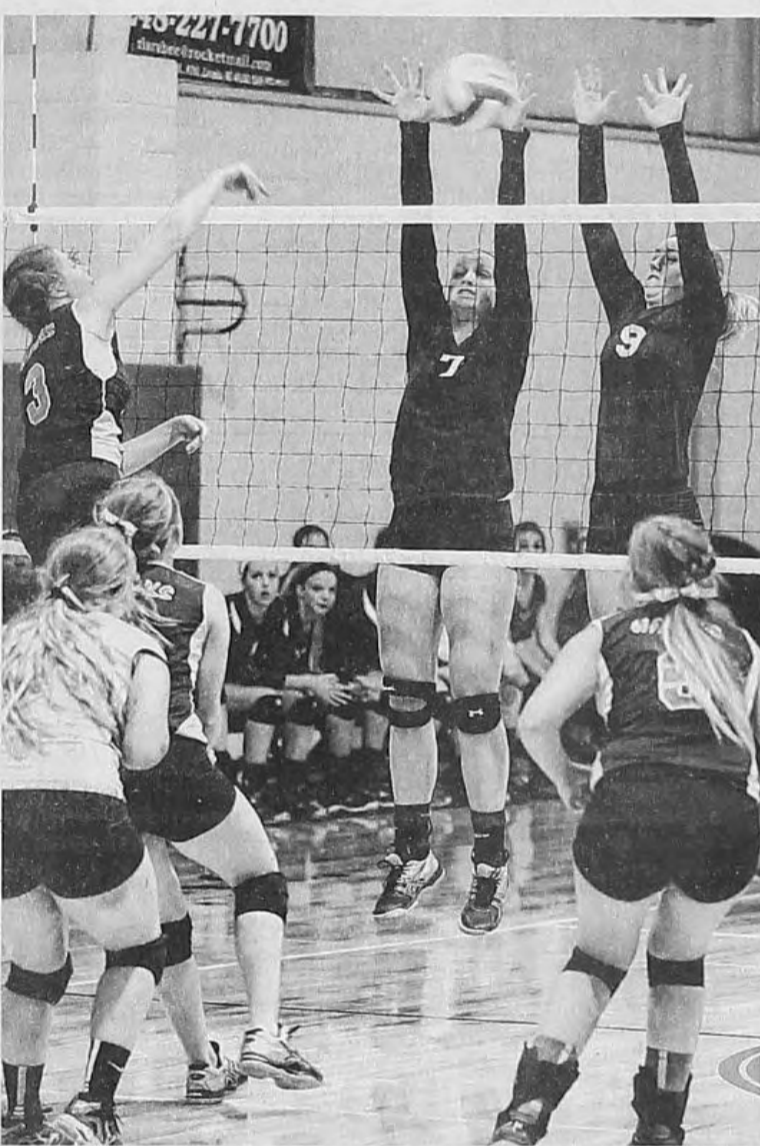
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PCA senior Raina Postma (right) sets the ball to senior Abby Wyman during Thursday's senior night contest.

"And we struggled a little bit with our ball control, which means we couldn't really get our hitters going."

And now the Eagles will look to ride the positive momentum into the Class D district (which will be hosted the week beginning Nov. 3 by PCA).

"Especially after this game, our confidence went way up," Wyman said. "Because we now know that we can pull through after any losses or anything we're going through."

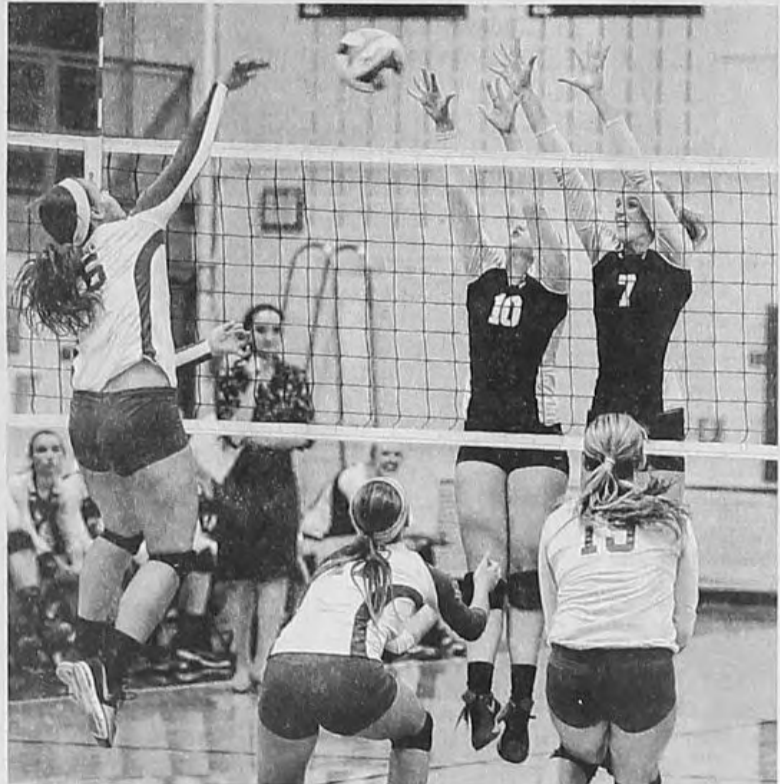
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Jumping in tandem to block a kill attempt by Huron Valley Lutheran's Madison Dest (left) are Plymouth Christian's Danielle Witkowski (No. 7) and Aliyah Pries (No. 9).

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At Salem's Senior Night Tuesday, junior Tess Ganich (No. 6) punches the ball over the arms of Plymouth's Lauren Conley (No. 10) and Olivia Beyer (No. 7).



## Rocks prevail on senior night

Senior night was a good one for Salem's varsity volleyball team.

The Rocks on Tuesday night defeated Plymouth in four games: 25-14, 25-19, 22-25, 25-22.

"Great game the girls played with a lot of passion and fun honoring the seniors on senior night," noted Salem head coach Amanda Nies.

"They played well and our serve receive and serving really helped us win."

Senior libero Kelly Lidzbarski was a major contributor with 30 digs, while senior right-side hitter Hannah Moote helped the cause with four kills, seven

digs and three aces while senior middle hitter Madison Fairchild chipped in with eight kills.

Other seniors honored during the night included right-side hitter Michelle Dierker and middle hitter Audrey Boike.

Also having solid showings for Salem were junior outside hitter Tess Ganich (25 kills, 24 digs), junior setters Lauren Wylie (31 assists, 10 digs) and Sara Soitis (21 assists, five aces), junior defensive specialist Drew Smiley (10 digs with excellent serve receive) and sophomore outside hitter Kendall Gillen (17 kills, five aces).

## Lutheran Westland seniors eye strong finish to season

By Ed Wright  
Staff Writer

The end of their high school volleyball careers may be approaching faster than a rocket-propelled hit for Lutheran Westland's group of talented seniors, but all six Warriors are playing like there's no tomorrow.

Following Thursday's 3-0 victory over Ann Arbor Greenhills, which came 48 hours after a confidence-boosting win over next-door-neighbor rival Huron Valley Lutheran, the senior-led Warriors appear poised to make some noise in their Class C district tournament set to begin Nov. 3 at Ann Arbor Prep.

"Led by our seniors, we're playing our best volleyball of the season now," said first-year head coach Tom Lange. "We gave Lutheran Northwest all it could handle last week after they beat us easily earlier in the season, and we split with Class A Belleville in a tournament last week, so it looks like we're peaking at the right time."

Lange's daughter, Allie, is one of the six seniors on the roster, which gave the Warriors' new coach an important familiarity-factor advantage prior to his first campaign.

"I've gotten to know all the girls since Allie was a freshman, so that definitely helped me this year, knowing what their skills were," said Lange. "Obviously, it's been fun coaching my daughter, but at the same time it's been fun coaching the entire team because I've gotten to know all of them."

Unlike most of the top teams in the area - and many they face in the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference - the Warriors' seniors do not play



ED WRIGHT  
Pictured (from left) are Lutheran Westland senior volleyball players Claire Gordon, Vivian Quitmeyer, Mackenzie York, Sabrina Morrison, Emily Hahn and Allie Lange.

club-level volleyball, but they've offset that obstacle with a nice mix of chemistry and a good dose of hustle.

"I like that we all get along so well," said senior defensive standout Emily Hahn, who resides in Northville. "That helps us play together better as a team. It's been a little frustrating this season because we've lost a lot of close matches, but we always play with a lot of intensity. We never give up."

"We're starting to get some momentum going," said senior front-row player Claire Gordon. "Part of that, I think, is because we have good compatibility and the atmosphere around the team is always positive. It's been a great experience playing here. I've learned a lot of team values."

Senior middle hitter Vivian Quitmeyer, whose forte is blocking opponents' would-be kills, said it's hard to get down when you're surrounded by such positive teammates.

"We're good at encouraging one another; we always try to build each other up," Quitmeyer said.

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Scoring on a header late in the second half to tie the game 2-2 is Canton's Hunter Olson (No. 10).

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coach told me to step up."

"Andrew Loehnis is very confident," Zeman said. "I have three goalies and I can go to any one of them. I'm very confident in every one of them."

"Andrew promised me he'd make a save in the PK shootout and he made two of them."

Loehnis played the first half, giving up the game's first goal to Grant Tyburski, whose spinning boot from 10 yards in front found the inside of the left post.

Canton made it 1-1 in a strange goal. Throwing the ball in from the left side in Northville's end was senior midfielder Jack Zemanski and the ball was flicked into the

box by senior forward Carter Schenk (who left the game with an injured ankle early in the second half).

The ball then bounced in off a Mustangs defender past Melucci.

### No quit

"The own goal that was a tough one to give up, but we kept going," Klimes said. "But there's nothing to be down about, the boys played their hearts out. They have no regrets and what more can you ask for high school kids?"

Playing the second half for the Chiefs was senior goalkeeper Dylan DaSilva and he was beaten on a pretty shot by Jonathon Mitchell with 27:41 remaining in regulation to put Northville up 2-1.

Taking a corner kick from the right side was Jake Reitzloff and the

ball bounced out of a scrum to the top of the box. That's where Mitchell's left-footed strike sent the ball into the top-left corner.

"It felt good to put the ball in the net," Mitchell said. "At that point, we were winning so it felt good. ... It's heartbreaking (to lose), but we put forth our best effort and that's all you can ask for."

For more than 20 minutes, that goal stood as the winner. The Chiefs, however, started to pick up the pace and stretch the Northville defense.

With about 14 minutes remaining, junior midfielder Jimmy Walkinshaw sent a feed up the right side to sophomore forward Mohamad Miri, who was tripped up without a call.

A few minutes later, junior forward Matthew Causley threw the ball in to Walkinshaw, rushing

up the gut toward Melucci who dove for the clutch snag.

### Drawing even

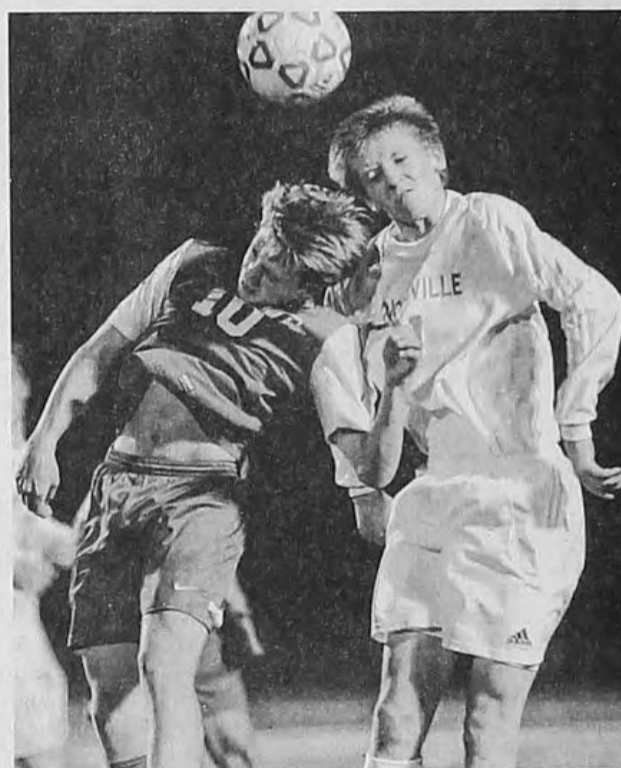
Finally, the Chiefs scored the equalizer.

Causley sent a pass from the left side of the Northville 18-yard box in front to Olson, who flicked it in with a perfect header.

"At first I didn't think I had a chance to get a piece of it," Olson said. "But at the last second it came toward me and I was able to jump backward for it and get a head on it."

That reprieve helped get Canton into overtime and the Chiefs managed to survive to reach Wednesday's 6 p.m. semifinal against the winner of Saturday's Okemos-Saline contest.

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Canton's Hunter Olson (left) and Northville's Dan Baldwin go head-to-head during Friday's regional final.

## PREP FOOTBALL WEEK 9

# Wildcats top Belleville to wrap up regular season

Plymouth carries 7-2 record into first week of playoffs

By Tim Smith  
Staff Writer

There wasn't much Plymouth could do wrong in Friday night's 41-14 triumph over visiting Belleville.

The Wildcats dominated on both sides of the ball, breaking out to a 28-0 halftime lead in the lopsided regular-season finale. With the win, Plymouth improved to 7-2 overall entering the first round of the playoffs.

Getting the rout started late in the first quarter was Plymouth quarterback Deji Adebisi (12-of-17 passing, 205 yards, three TDs), who connected on a 15-yard scoring strike to Christian Walls.

Even some good fortune smiled on the Wildcats early in the second.

Adebisi fumbled inside the Belleville 5-yard line, but the ball was recovered for a touchdown by Joe Supernois. Following the second of five extra points by Van Nguyen, Plymouth led 14-0.

Before halftime, Adebisi scored on a 1-yard run and found receiver Connor Theodorakos for an 8-yard touchdown toss to make it a 28-0 contest.

That Adebisi-Theodorakos combo worked again late in the third, this time for an 11-yard TD.

Belleville finally got on the board midway through the fourth when quarterback Askaree Crawford scored on a 51-yard gallop.

Closing out the scoring for the Wildcats was running back Matthew Barno, taking it in from 4 yards out with 1:47 to



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth's Shane Raymond (left), shown from last week's win over Northville, had another strong game against Belleville.

play. Crawford then connected with Dionte Williams for a 20-yard score in the final minute.

Plymouth outgained Belleville 333-185.

Leading the ground attack was Anthony Kenney, with 76 yards in 13 carries, while Darius Timmons chipped in 49 yards in 10 rushes.

In the passing game, Adebisi

completed four passes to Walls for 79 yards and Cameron Stella tallied a 67-yard catch-and-run.

Key defenders included Shane Raymond and Carlton Rose (3.5 tackles, three assists each) along with Timmons and Walls (three tackles and two assists each).

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# Ladywood golfers seventh in Division 4

Chalk one up to experience as the Livonia Ladywood golf team earned a seventh-place finish in the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 4 state finals held last weekend at Grand Valley State University's The Meadows in Allendale.

Kalamazoo Hackett captured the team title with a two-day total of 349-341-690, followed by Harbor Springs (723), Macomb Lutheran North (728), Grand Rapids West Catholic (741), Grand Rapids NorthPointe Christian (750), Maple City Glen Lake (752) and Ladywood (381-382-763) rounding out the top seven.

Glen Lake's Nichole Cox was individual medalist with 83-76-159.

Ladywood's top four scorers were all underclassmen,

led by freshman Gabrielle Scopone, 89-89-178; sophomore Jordan Rioux, 94-96-190; sophomore Lydia Cranmer, 96-96-192; and junior Carly Hall, 102-101-203.

Senior Laura Hureski added 142-125-267.

On Oct. 8, the Blazers earned a spot in the state finals by finishing runner-up in the regional tournament at Stoney Creek G.C.

Katie Humphrey took individual medalist honors with an 88 as Lutheran North won the team title with 374. Ladywood and Adrian Madison finished second and third with 403 and 427.

Rioux and Scopone paced the Blazers with 98 each, while Hall and Cranmer shot 103 and 104, respectively. Hureski added a 132.

# MU boots No. 4 Davenport on PK

By Brad Emons  
Staff Writer

Despite being under siege most of the match, the Madonna University men's soccer team held the fort Friday afternoon to score a stunning 1-0 victory over No. 4-ranked Davenport University.

And the Crusaders, who improved to 12-4 overall and 7-1 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, were able to limit the NAIA's most dangerous forward, Dzenan Catic, to just one shot in the process.

Catic, a junior from East

Kentwood, came into the match with 27 goals and eight assists. He was originally a Michigan State signee, but lost his NCAA Division I eligibility after trying out for a professional German club.

Meanwhile, MU's 6-4 goalkeeper Marcel Schmid, a sophomore from Germany, did his part by making seven saves to post the team's 10th shutout of the year.



Schmid

## CHIEFS

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It was a team win, everybody played well," junior linebacker Jalen Cochran (two tackles) said.

The Cowboys' stats almost

resembled a traditional Canton team in the offensive category besides Ewing's 167 passing yards on 29 attempts.

Detroit Western ran 53 plays on the night, 19 more than Canton.

The Cowboys' 32:30 of possession more than doubled Canton's 15:30.



## Westland native wins America's Favorite Veterinarian title

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Tim Hunt runs his dogs along a serene frozen landscape. The Westland native recently won the title, America's Favorite Veterinarian.

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

**T**im Hunt, D.V.M., was busy Thursday morning with four spay operations, two mastectomies and a broken foot.

After surgery, he finished his day with 25 appointments.

"We've been swamped. I can't believe how busy we've been since this thing went down," Hunt said, in a phone interview on Oct. 23 from his practice in Marquette.

The Westland native and his Bayshore Animal Clinic are drawing interest nationwide after Hunt won the title, America's Favorite Veterinarian, through a second annual contest sponsored by the American Veterinary Medical Foundation, the charitable division of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

A client nominated Hunt for the honor, citing his willingness to respond "day or night," including on Christmas morning when he performed a Caesarean section on her bulldog.

Hunt said that kind of personal service is the norm for a small-town veterinarian. In large urban and suburban areas, veterinarians are more likely to refer clients to after-hours emergency clinics.

"You're on call all the time. It's just one of those things. Being in a small town, you have to answer your own calls at night.

"Have you ever read any James Herriot? When I read his books they always struck

home with me," Hunt said, referring to *All Creatures Great and Small*, a series of semi-biographical stories about a country veterinarian.

Practicing more personal veterinary care, as opposed to corporate veterinary medicine, helps build a level of trust with the client, Hunt said. "It helps with continuity, being familiar with the animal."

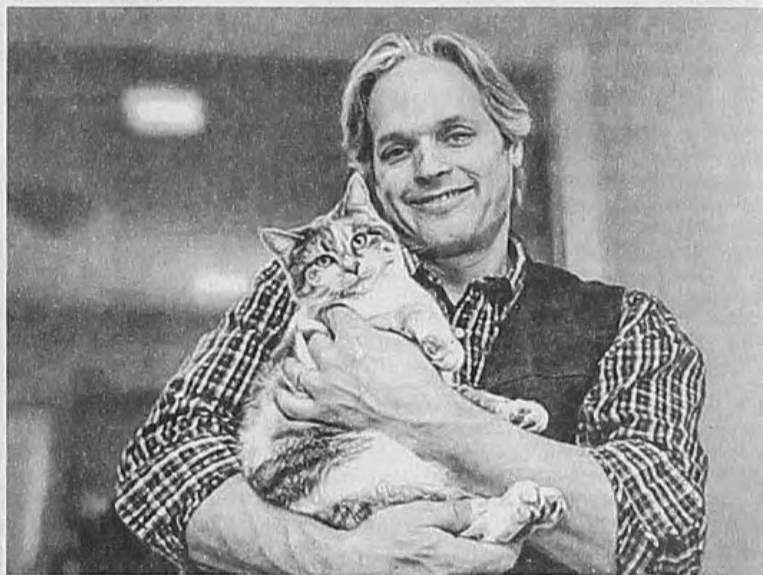
### Other differences

He and the two other veterinarians at Bayshore, which he established in 1993, see less infectious diseases in animals than they would if they were located in a large metro area, like Detroit. He saw more parvo and leukemia in dogs while working in the Lower Peninsula.

"We see more dogs hit by cars than in the city. There are more porcupine incidents up here."

Hunt, who graduated from Livonia Franklin in 1982, had "pocket pets" while growing up in a family with three other siblings. He said he was 11 years old when he decided to become a veterinarian and at 14 he got a job with D'Adamo Veterinary Hospital in Livonia. He worked in the kennel area and eventually handled reception and vet assistant duties. By the time he applied for veterinary school at Michigan State University, he had logged several thousand hours of practical experience.

After graduation, he worked in Grayling and Alpena to gain experience and then moved to Marquette to co-found Baysh-



Tim Hunt, a Westland native, is America's Favorite Veterinarian.

ore with a classmate, who has since left the practice.

### Starting small

"The first year was tough. I cleaned more fish on the surgery table than I did surgery," he said. "Word of mouth helped. We started out on a few bucks and a lot of hours, but one thing led to another."

While building his practice, Hunt also began racing sled dogs. He and his wife own 30 sled dogs, in addition to indoor pets, although his passion for canine winter sports started with the dalmatian he acquired when he was in veterinary school.

"It's a very busy breed. As it turned out, it was a fun dog to

have." He and the dog practiced skijoring, a sport in which a dog pulls a person on skis. He said skijoring is a good way to help keep dogs in shape.

"Obesity is the No. 1 problem with dogs. If your dog likes the cold and likes to pull, it's surprising how many will go forward."

### Iditarod

Hunt has traveled throughout the world with his sled team during the past 20 years. He has served as a volunteer veterinarian for the Iditarod and raced in the event in 2009.

"I finished dead last," he said, adding that he received the "red lantern" award for his



Tim Hunt owns 30 sled dogs and has raced throughout the world.

effort.

While in Alaska, he established the Alaska Veterinary Rural Program that provides veterinary care, such as spay and neuter clinics, to impoverished villages.

"My main intent is to have a cultural impact." He hopes to teach village youth that dogs are not expendable objects.

His new title as America's Favorite Veterinarian will give him a national platform to talk about pet wellness, cultural attitudes and other animal-related issues. The honor even attracted an invitation from the Detroit Tigers.

"I talked to the Detroit Tigers. I get a first pitch," he said. "I think I'll throw a curve ball."

## Learn vegetarian, vegan meal prep at event



Participants will learn how to cook whole foods, including vegetables, fruits, grains and legumes at the Veggie Holiday Cooking Classic in Plymouth.

By Sharon Dargay  
Staff Writer

After a year hiatus, the Vegetarian Holiday Tasting Extravaganza will return next month to Plymouth with a new name, format and mission.

"I want people to come who are interested in changing their diets," said Jeanie Weaver, a personal trainer and exercise instructor who coordinated the event for 25 years. "I want people to come who want to learn to cook differently. They'll walk away with a couple of neat dishes and will say, 'I saw her do that, I can do that, too.'"

Now dubbed the Veggie Holiday Cooking Classic, the event will focus on teaching participants how to cook vegan and vegetarian recipes for the holidays.

"This might be what you'd call the best of the Holiday Extravaganza," Weaver said.

She promises a fast-paced afternoon of cooking demonstrations, food sampling and an informal question-and-answer session with dietitians Ellen Higgins and Laurie Novotny, Arthur Weaver, M.D., and the local chefs that will demonstrate cooking.

The event will run from

2:30-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 2, at Metropolitan Seventh-day Adventist Jr. Academy gym, 15585 N. Haggerty, Plymouth. Tickets are \$35 per person and \$50 per couple. Payment will be collected at the door and an additional \$10 will be charged for registration made after noon Oct. 30.

Weaver plans to limit participation to 100 ticket-holders, making the event more manageable for cooks and giving guests a better view of the demonstrations. Previous vegetarian holiday tastings drew 600 individuals for the tasting buffet, which was served at three separate times.

"We had over 60 dishes to taste," Weaver said, adding that attendees took home recipes but received no cooking instruction. She hopes the new format with fewer recipes will be less confusing to their taste buds.

"We'll pick three main entrees, one lacto-ovo, one totally vegan and one with a meat analogue. And we'll show three desserts. Two will be vegan, and probably gluten-free, and one is pumpkin bread pudding.

"We'll show cooking techniques, especially with vegetables that use little to no oil. It's not going to be lecture. It's

going to be performance cooking. I want this to be for a smaller, select group of people who really want to do this and who aren't afraid to present their (vegan and vegetarian) dishes at the holidays. With 50-100 people, we can have good discourse and they can see the process of what we're cooking."

The recipes will stress whole foods rather than processed fare. Participants will receive an information packet and recipes they can follow as cooks demonstrate food preparation. Although it's not a prerequisite for attending the event, Weaver says watching the 2011 documentary *Forks Over Knives*, which advocates a low-fat, whole-food, plant-based diet, is good preparation. The film stresses that a change in diet can help battle disease.

"When I see how much diabetes there is, just that alone, it's so needless. But until we start changing the way we teach our families and our youth how to cook, we can't win the war," Weaver said.

"I'm the daughter of a beef cattle rancher. If I can change, anyone can change."

To register, call 248-446-9176 or email holidaytasting@gmail.com.

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## BENSON, FREDERICK

Age 77. Beloved husband of Edwina. Loving father to David, Linda (Watzke) and Charles Lister. Father-in-law of Kim Watzke and Donna Lister. Proud grandfather of Zachary, Connor and Alex. Dear brother of Eleanor Schroeder. Preceded in death by his sisters Jean Colmus and Evelyn Raven. Police Officer, Businessman, Fisherman, Charter Captain, Golfer and Card Player. A retired Police Lieutenant, he proudly served the Livonia Police Department for 30 years. He was a member and Past-President of the Wayne County Lt.'s, Sgt.'s and Cpl.'s Association. After his retirement in partnership with his dear friends Steve and Jim he founded and served as President of Livonia Based Statewide Security Transport, a business that provides prisoner transportation solutions to the law enforcement community. Fred was a graduate of Plymouth High School, Schoolcraft College, Madonna University and The University of Detroit. A long-time Livonia resident, after retirement Fred left the community he served faithfully for 30 years and relocated on Grosse Ile, MI to be near the golf course and waterways he loved so much. An avid Muskie, Walleye and Salmon fisherman, "Cap'n Fred" also served as Charter Captain of "Hang Loose Sport Fishing Charters." He enjoyed spending his time fishing with family and his fishing buddies Wally and Marcel. He was a former member of the Ford Yacht Club Grosse Ile, MI. Fred was a champion golfer from the days on his High School Golf team to his retirement years spent as a member of the Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club. Always up for a game of chance, he excelled at playing Poker and Blackjack. He enjoyed a "turn of the card" with his many poker buddies and was a champion Blackjack Tournament player. Donations may be made in his honor to the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. A celebration of life luncheon with family and friends is planned for Saturday, November 8, 2014 from Noon to 4 p.m. at Park Place Dearborn, MI.



## JENKINS, ROBERT L. "BOB"

Of Wellston formerly of Westland passed away, Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at his home. He was 80. Bob served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict and had been at Delta Airlines in Detroit for 36 years. Survivors include his wife Marie; children: Betty (William) Dumont and Rob (Tina) Jenkins; grandchildren: Elizabeth (Joe) Curry and Walter Dumont. Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at the Epworth United Methodist Church in Brethren. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to: Mercy Hospice of Cadillac, Epworth United Methodist Church New roof fund or to the Lewy Body Dementia Association. A full obituary and online guestbook are available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).



## KOEPKE, RUTH FRANZENBURG

92, of Fairfield Glade, Tennessee, formerly Plymouth, MI, died Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at Good Samaritan Society. Ruth was born May 8, 1922 in Ceylon, Minnesota, to Paul (an immigrant from Germany) and Bertha Beck Franzenburg (widowed mother of three, James, Hubert, and Maxine Watkins Paisley). Paul and Bertha had five children, Paul Jr., Jean (Belz), Ruth, Wilhemina "Billie" (Katzenmeyer), and Collyn (Schmidt). Collyn of Lookout Mountain, Georgia, survives Ruth. At the age of 16, Ruth experienced the untimely death of her mother. The Franzengurs settled in Conrad, Iowa after many moves during the Great Depression. Ruth graduated from the University of Iowa in 1943 and then served her country during World War II as a physical therapist. She received her training at Army-Navy General Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas and was assigned, as a Second Lieutenant, to Mayo General Hospital in Galesburg, Illinois where she met her husband and dancing partner of 69 years, Russell Charles Koepke of Chicago, Illinois. After four months of courtship, Ruth and Russ were married March 17, 1945. Russ, 97, survives his wife. Following their discharge from the Army, they relocated to Chicago, Illinois and had eight children, Paula, San Francisco, California, Peter (Mhairi) Cold Spring, New York, Thomas (Deborah), Stanton, MI, William (died 2010), Jane Cartwright (Jack) Seaside, Oregon, Kathryn (John Osburn), Portland, OR, Elizabeth Jamo (James), East Lansing, MI, Christopher (Elizabeth Clark) Eldersburg, Maryland. Their grandchildren are Elena, Cristina, Ross, Benjamin, Jaelyn, Katie Jane, Claire, Maya, and Gavin. Ruth was strong, dependable, loving, warm, caring, progressive, and courageous. She was wonderfully calm and practical during their children's developmental years and fostered their independence. She listened intently, was a great conversationalist and cherished heartfelt giggles. She was passionate about the joys of music. She loved connecting with people from all walks of life. Russ wrote, "Ruth is a mountain of support and with her warmth, charm and out-stretched arms she has conquered all." Ruth and Russ welcomed many into their home. They enjoyed dancing, worldwide travels, community service, vacationing at Torch Lake and time with family and friends. Ruth was dedicated to making a difference in the world and received awards for her contributions. Among these was the 1966 Ford Citizen of the Year which recognized her work with the Girl Scouts, the Christian Family Movement, the Civil Rights Movement, the Democratic Party, the Mothers' March of Dimes, the University Women's Club, and the Catholic Church. She promoted intercultural relations by hosting several foreign exchange students. She received a Tennessee Titans Quarterback Award for her many years of service to Hospice of Cumberland County. Also service-oriented in her career, Ruth provided physical therapy to children with developmental and physical disabilities. A memorial will be held Saturday, November 15th at 11 a.m., at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 7503 Peavine Road, Fairfield Glade, TN 38558. There will be a reception at the church following the ceremony. Contributions in Ruth's memory may be made to Hospice of Cumberland County, [www.cumb.eriandhospice.com](http://www.cumb.eriandhospice.com) or Southern Poverty Law Center, [www.splcenter.org](http://www.splcenter.org). The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff of the Good Samaritan Society, Fairfield Glade, TN for their outstanding care.

## LICARI, JOSEPH

93, of Naples, FL died Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at Bentley Village Health Care Center. Formerly of Dearborn Heights, MI, he moved to Bonita Springs, FL in 1987 before relocating to Aston Gardens in Naples for the past seven years. Joseph was born August 27, 1921 in Dearborn, MI a son of the late Vincenzo and Michelina (Denaro) Licari. Mr. Licari was a United States Army veteran, serving in both the European Theater and Pacific Theater during WWII. His career was spent working as a machinist before retiring in 1979. He was a member of the VFW who enjoyed playing cards, and woodworking. Joseph also harvested many fruits on his cherished fruit trees. Survivors include his beloved wife of 68 years, Marion (Pinto) Licari; loving children, James (Melanie) Licari of Commerce, MI, Michele (Harry) Rodgers of Manning, SC, Joseph Licari of Westland, MI; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Bill and Ben Licari. A Memorial Service will be held in Michigan at a later date. He will be laid to rest at Sarasota National Cemetery in Sarasota, FL. Online condolences may be offered by visiting: [www.shikanyfuneralhome.com](http://www.shikanyfuneralhome.com)



## MAURER, BERNICE MURIEL "BUNNY"

Passed away October 23, 2014 at the age of 92. She was born August 25, 1922 to Harry Oliver Johnson and Ellen Hoyer Johnson. Bunny was preceded in death by her beloved husband Robert D. Maurer in 1980. She was deeply loved and will be missed by her children, Elizabeth Ann "Betsy" (Maurer) Volacic and R. Michael (Nancy Hopkins-Maurer) Maurer; her grandchildren, Sarah (Sean) Spitzig, Anna (Steve) Epley, Ellen Maurer, and Chad Maurer; her great-grandchildren, Olivia, Emily, Sophia, Ashley, and Amy. Bunny was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, June Bradner, Jeanne Cicinato, and James Johnson. Bunny worked for a time as a secretary at West Middle School, Plymouth. She then went on to Dunn Steel Products in Plymouth as the Head of Labor Relations until they moved to Tennessee. Bunny then started at the Schrader Funeral Home as an administrator and worked there for about 30 years prior to her retirement. She was a resident of Plymouth since 1950 and was a member of the First Church of Christ Scientist. She was a former member of the Rotary Anns and was involved with the P.E.O., a member of the Kiwanis Breakfast Club (Now Canton Kiwanis), Friends of the Penn and Plymouth Historical Society. Bunny loved to "Ring the Bell" for Salvation Army and volunteer at Tonquish Creek Manor, helping with Bingo. She was also involved with the Plymouth Ecumenical Council. Bunny attended University of Michigan Art School and was a very accomplished artist. Most of all Bunny loved spending time with her family and will be dearly missed by many. A Memorial Service will take place Friday, October 31, 2014, 11 a.m. at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Friends may visit Thursday 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Friday 10 a.m. until time of service. Memorials may be made to Canton Kiwanis Club. To leave a condolence, [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com).

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## JENNIFER M. HAGEN

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Your strength is the power that carried me through  
FOREVER  
We love you and miss you, Jenn Mike, Michael and Caitlin



## ENGAGEMENT

### BARRY-MARCACCIO



Submitted  
Kristen Elizabeth Barry and Michael Kenneth Marcaccio

Kristen Elizabeth Barry and Michael Kenneth Marcaccio announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be, daughter of Michael and Nancy Barry of Livonia, is a 2007 graduate of Livonia Stevenson High School and a 2011 graduate of Michigan State University. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in elementary education with minors in math and English and an early childhood endorsement and is pursuing a master of arts degree in teaching and curriculum with

a specialty in literacy at Michigan State University. She teaches fourth grade in Troy Public Schools.

Her fiancé, son of Kenneth and Carol Marcaccio of Waterford, is a 2005 graduate of Orchard Lake St. Mary's Preparatory and a 2011 graduate of Michigan State University, with a bachelor of science degree in human resources and a psychology cognate. He's employed as a servicing core senior at Quicken Loans.

A December 2014 wedding is planned at Meadowbrook Congregational Church in Novi.

## WEDDING

### CORNELL-FRY

Heather Nicole Cornell and Michael John Fry were married Sept. 20, 2014, at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church in Canton. The Rev. Chris Maus officiated.

The bride, daughter of Bryan and Penny Cornell of Canton, has a master's degree in counseling from Eastern Michigan University and is employed as an intake therapist at Hegera Programs Inc. in Westland.

The groom, son of Jack and Susan Fry of Canton, attended the International Masonry Institute in Warren, and is employed by Apex Inc.

Maid of honor was Shannon Cornell. Jessica



Submitted  
Heather Nicole Cornell and Michael John Fry were married Sept. 20, 2014.

Wood, Amanda Bell and Nichol Valdez served as the bride's attendants.

Best man was Alex Lajoie. Adam Klecker, Matt Hayes and Mike Sepura served as the groom's attendants.

A reception was held in the Oakridge Room at the Wayne Community Center.

The couple took a honeymoon trip to Ocho Rios, Jamaica. They reside in Canton.

## WEDDING

### BRONIAK-HERRON

Jennifer Lynn Broniak and Andrew Scott Herron were married Oct. 4, 2014, at the Martha Mary Chapel at Greenfield Village in Dearborn. Cathy Herron officiated.

The bride, daughter of Frederick F. Broniak of Livonia and Lynn Broniak-Hull of Plymouth, attended Mercy High School. The groom, son of Shanon and Christy Herron of Garden City, attended Garden City High School.

The bride's attendant was Sarah Anne Casper-Barton and the groom's attendant was Dan Kelly.

A reception in Plymouth followed the ceremony. The couple took a honeymoon trip to Traverse City.

The newlyweds reside in Livonia.



Submitted  
Jennifer Broniak and Andrew Herron were married Oct. 4 at Greenfield Village, Dearborn. "Bella," Jennifer's horse, shares a moment with the couple on their big day.

## Dance routines, show fight cancer



Julie Yolles  
SOCIAL SCENE

Breast Cancer Awareness Month was kicked, swung and twirled off in grand style on Oct. 2 when the Pink Fund and Bloomfield Hills Fred Astaire Dance Studio hosted the Second Annual Dancing with the Survivors event.

The gala was held at Art Van Furniture in Novi, where seven breast cancer survivors danced with Fred Astaire instructors in an exhibition that spotlighted their strength and courage.

"This wasn't a dance competition," said Pink Fund founder and CEO Molly MacDonald, who started the night off by gracefully dancing a mini routine. "This is a showcase of courage and resiliency and a desire to move on from cancer."

They were as colorful on the dance floor as they were with their outfits. In a first-ever partnership, the non-profit Detroit Garment Guild Group, had local-area fashion designers work with the dancers to create their costumes. And, as a special surprise announced that evening, the dancers got to keep their custom-designed outfits.

You can still make a donation in honor of



PHOTOS BY JULIE YOLLES, SOCIAL SCENE COLUMNIST  
Farmington Hills residents Ilene Beneson Bez, (left) treasurer of Gilda's Club, Amy Weiner and Lisa Garber enjoy Bras for a Cause at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.



Gilda's Club Board member Ronald Weiner of Farmington Hills auctions the Bo Schembechler painting by artist Dave Santia at the benefit.



Andrew Barnes at the Pink Fund's event. He and Raimie Waller (left) of Grosse Pointe Woods cheered on breast cancer survivor Deanne Batra of Franklin.

your favorite dancer on Crowdrise through the end of this month. Go to [www.crowdrise.com/bloomfieldhills](http://www.crowdrise.com/bloomfieldhills). In addition, Molly MacDonald's talented daughter, Erin Noel, wrote the song *One Less Worry* as a tribute to her mother's journey. For every song downloaded from iTunes (.99 cents), 100 percent of the proceeds will go to the Pink Fund. [www.thepinkfund.org/oneless-worry](http://www.thepinkfund.org/oneless-worry).

Cancer survivors also took to the catwalk recently to model art bras at the annual Bras for a Cause, held at the Royal Oak Music Theatre. Along with the fashion show of art bras, the event included a strolling dinner and live and silent auctions. It raised \$126,000 for Gilda's Club.

Contact Julie Yolles at [socialscenejulie@gmail.com](mailto:socialscenejulie@gmail.com) or 248-642-9465.

May you find comfort in family & friends

## Sound of music can help reduce pain

To be alive is to know pain. There are many, many types of pain with numerous and various causes. Pain can be brief or chronic, mild or disabling. It can have an identifiable cause or the cause may be unknown. Pain can be modified by medical and/or psychological treatments. But, as often is the case, pain can be resistant to at-

tempts to relieve it. One thing common to all types of pain is that it hurts. One thing which all things that hurt have in common is that "hurt" interferes with attitude.

In exploring attitudes toward pain, there seems to be two general categories or positions. One is the attitude of, "I have pain," the other is "the pain has me." Many people become so identified with and defined by their pain, that the prognosis for change is very poor. Some seem able to remain less intimate with their pain and come to terms which allows an attitude such as, "I have pain, but pain does not have me."

As children, we have all probably experienced a pain of a bump or bruise, a scrape or cut. Equally probable is the experience of having the pain go away in response to a mother's (or a mother substitute) kissing or rubbing the sore spot to "make it better."

### Music managing pain

In the spring 2014 issue of the publication *Integrated Therapies*, author Paul Nolan reports how music can disrupt the pain experience. The article tells of the field of music therapy, which was established in the United States in 1950. It attempts to answer the ques-

tion, how can a person with pain develop use of music that can facilitate pain reduction? It also explains that music encourages pain suppression through the intentional focus of music, which initially causes a distraction from pain. Also, the role of positive emotions leads to a neuro-chemical, analgesic effect. The article tells that music involves a robust activation within the brain and that intentional listening can provide a distraction response while surrendering to the emotions that arise from the music. This adds to the positive emotional response that can activate pain suppression.

According to Nolan, research has revealed that music activates a region of the brain known to induce pleasure. When the pleasure center is activated, it sends signals to other brain areas to tune out other stimuli. Reportedly, a powerful neuro-chemical reaction occurs because of positive emotions stimulating the release of chemicals called endorphins and these can close off pain signals.

It seems to me that the research above confirms my belief in the distraction remedy to which most people are introduced to in the childhood scenario when a mother says "let me kiss the hurt and make it better." In view of this, I encourage pain sufferers to give the use of music a place in their personal emotional/behavioral tool bag in dealing with pain. If successful, the use of the involvement of music in pain management can become another ingredient in the development of resiliency.

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Len McCulloch  
OUR MENTAL HEALTH

## MEDICAL DATEBOOK

### Upcoming

#### ACA learning session

Botsford Hospital presents a series of monthly learning sessions on the Affordable Care Act, 5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, Dec. 10 and Jan. 7, 2015, at the hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. The ACA marketplace open enrollment period is Nov. 15-Feb. 15, 2015. The sessions, which are free, will help people learn about their options under the ACA; 248-442-1633

#### Blood donation

» Canton: 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Oct. 28, Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Drive  
» Plymouth: 1:30 -7:15 p.m. Oct. 27, VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill St.  
» Wayne: 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Oct. 31, Oakwood Hospital - Annapolis Center, 33155 Annapolis  
» Westland: 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Oct. 30, Wayne-Westland Federal Credit Union, 500 S. Wayne Road  
Call 800-REDCROSS or visit [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org) to make an appointment.

#### Brain injury conference

The Brain Injury Association of Michigan presents a "Quality of Life" conference for survivors of brain injuries, their families and caregivers, 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center, 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. Doors will open at 8 a.m. Session topics will include employment, essentials for a healthy brain, self-care, functional integration of technology with everyday living, and person-centered planning. Cost for survivors and families is \$20 per person. Cost for staff or aides, \$10 per person. Pre-register by calling 810-229-5880 or visit [biami.org/novembere-conference](http://biami.org/novembere-conference).

#### COPD

Learn about managing COPD, asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis, 6-8 p.m. Nov. 5, at Oakwood Hospital-Wayne, 33155 Annapolis, Wayne. A light dinner is included. Register at [oakwood.org](http://oakwood.org) or call Julia Fuller at 313-586-5766.

#### Diabetes Day

Garden City Hospital's 22nd annual Diabetes Day runs 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, Westland. Includes a panel discussion on Type 1 and 2 diabetes and prediabetes, a panel discussion on meals, snacks and physical activity, and a lunch, along



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#### Healthy eating

Upcoming nutrition workshops and cooking demonstrations from Botsford Hospital and Busch's Fresh Foods Market:

» Chef Rebecca Wauldron and Botsford dietitian Denise Cykiert will give tips on keeping recipes nutritious, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6, at Busch's Fresh Food Market, 24445 Drake, Farmington Hills. Cost is \$15; 248-427-7400.

» Dietitian Denise Cykiert will offer quick, easy recipes for crock pot cookery, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, at Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Cost is \$5; 734-779-6100.

#### Hearing loss support

Robert Hong, M.D., Ph.D., will present "Beyond Conventional Hearing Aids," at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster, Garden City. For more information, call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email [af-erack@comcast.net](mailto:af-erack@comcast.net).

#### Kidney Smart classes

Participants will learn about how kidneys function, the causes of chronic kidney disease, how to manage related health conditions such as diabetes and hypertension, treatment choices and more. The 90-minute sessions are free.

» 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 27, and Wednesday, Nov. 19, and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, at Westland Dialysis, 36533 Ford Road, Westland

» 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18 and Dec. 16, New Hope Church, 44815 Cherry Hill Road, Canton

To register and find more locations, visit [www.kidneysmart.org](http://www.kidneysmart.org) or call Angela Humble, R.D., at 864-525-9599

### Ongoing

#### Anorexics and Bulimics Anonymous

Twelve-step program and weekly group to help those suffering with eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia, bingeing and purging, and exercise compulsion is held 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, at the Friendship Circle, 6892 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. An AB-ANON meeting group is available for loved ones, 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, also at the Friendship Circle. For more information, contact Mindy at 248-672-9776.

#### Aquatic classes

The YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit and the Arthritis Foundation have partnered to offer aquatic classes designed to ease arthritis. Classes are held 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday at the Farmington branch and 1-1:45 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the Livonia branch. Visit [www.ymcadetroit.org](http://www.ymcadetroit.org).

#### Breast cancer support

Meets from 6:30-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month in the Atrium of Our Lady of Hope Cancer Center, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile (use south entrance off Levan), Livonia. Call 734-655-1100 or visit [www.stmary-mercy.org](http://www.stmary-mercy.org).

#### Blood pressure

Garden City Hospital offers free blood pressure testing, cholesterol (\$5), and lipid panel (\$10) testing, 10 a.m. to noon the first Tuesday of each month in the main lobby of the hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. No registration is required. Senior citizens can have their blood pressure tested monthly, free of charge, at 8:30 a.m. the first and third Tuesday and second and fourth Thursdays of each month at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren Road, at Wayne Road in Westland; 10:15 a.m. every other Wednesday at Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, Garden City; and every second Tuesday at the Redford Community Center. For more information, call 734-458-4330.

#### Choir therapy

The Therapy Choirs of Michigan extend an invitation to individuals with any kind of special needs or disabilities and their able-bodied family and friends, to participate in singing. Call Len McCulloch at 248-474-2763, Ext. 22, or visit [www.therapychoirs.org](http://www.therapychoirs.org) for additional information.

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**Use a specialist:**

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**Be careful:**

Do not give out confidential information about yourself or your employer on the phone without having met the headhunter or knowing for which company he works. Also, find out how your headhunter works: If she shares resumes without asking the candi-

dates first, that could be an issue.

**Don't spread yourself too thin:**

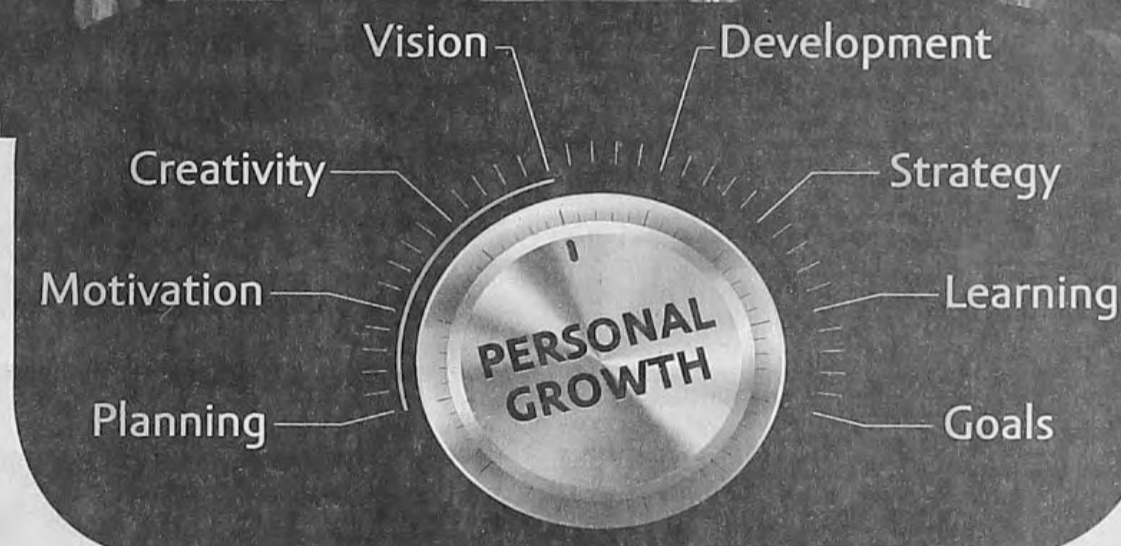
Try to stick with a maximum of three headhunters. Headhunters may not be as willing to share your information if they know you're working with their competitors too. On the other hand, working with too many recruiters may give the impression that you're desperate.

**Be prepared:**

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  - 8 No. crunchers
  - 12 — Thurman of "The Golden Bowl"
  - 13 Hairy twin
  - 14 Kennel noise
  - 15 Highway sign
  - 17 Auto-supplies store
  - 18 Wakes up
  - 19 First in line
  - 21 Pen part
  - 23 Magazine stand
  - 27 All, in combos
  - 30 Pet lovers' grp.
  - 33 Moo goo — pan
  - 34 Beat a retreat
  - 35 Torme or Gibson
  - 36 Sit-down occasion
  - 37 Andy Capp's wife
  - 38 Raison d'—
  - 39 Space preceider
  - 40 Transmits
  - 42 Office machine
  - 44 Heartaches
  - 47 Quilt filler
  - 51 Gift-giving time
  - 54 Comfort
  - 56 Ph.D. exam
  - 57 Cornstarch brand
  - 58 Apron front
  - 59 Barber's call
  - 60 Escape through a crevice
  - 61 Whale domain
- DOWN**
- 1 Mooches
  - 2 Leave unmentioned
  - 3 "— Ha!"
  - 4 Coke rival
  - 5 GI hangout
  - 6 Mascara target
  - 7 Stringed instrument
  - 8 Ms. Lauper
  - 9 "Snow" veggie
  - 10 Climber's challenge
  - 11 Mineral spring
  - 16 Comedian — Kovacs
  - 20 Alias letters
  - 22 Cellar, briefly
  - 24 Pointed arch
  - 25 German industrial region
  - 26 Metric pound
  - 27 Switch positions
  - 28 Fr. miss
  - 29 Like many Las Vegas signs
  - 31 Apiece
  - 32 Music notation
  - 36 Long skirts
  - 38 Paul Anka's "— Beso"
  - 41 Lived
  - 43 Early moralist
  - 45 Geologic time divisions
  - 46 Extremely parched
  - 48 Works on sound tracks
  - 49 A Great Lake
  - 50 "Fancy" singer
  - 51 Thinner and —
  - 52 Suffix for forfeit
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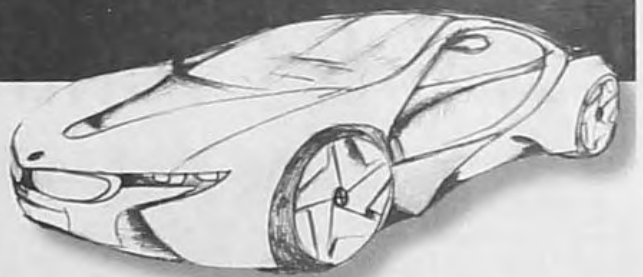
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# Car Report

## High-Mileage Fit Nicely Holds Down Honda's Entry-Level Proposition



**By Dale Buss**

Honda Fit isn't a nondescript little econobox. The model is a finalist for the "Green Car of the Year Award" by Green Car Journal and is at the center of a new advertising campaign. But after five recent safety recalls Fit also was the reason that Honda just decided to name its first quality czar.

capably. The car's 130-horsepower, 1.5-liter direct-injection I4 engine with variable valve timing provides spectacular fuel economy: 32 mpg in the city and 38 mpg on the highway. One recent reviewer of Fit actually got nearly 42 mpg in about 60-percent highway driving. This superior attribute remains a crucial part of Fit's appeal even during a time when it looks as though U.S. gasoline prices may be dipping below \$3 again for the first time in a long time.

But there is more to Fit as well, and a big part of that is its price appeal. The base LX model starts at \$16,315 and has a six-speed manual transmission. Move up to the automatic, and the price is \$17,115, which still makes Fit affordable for the vastest swath of the market that may want a high-mileage commuter car or an extra vehicle in the garage

for teenaged drivers or other purposes.

The price of the model that I drove, the five-door EX-L, rose to \$21,590 including a \$790 destination charge. But that Fit was loaded with a number of features befitting a more expensive and bigger car, including paddle shifters, leather-trimmed seats and leather-wrapped steering wheel, heated front seats, a 7-inch navigation screen, satellite and HD radio, a Lane Watch feature that helps keep you on the straight and narrow, power windows, cruise control, a one-touch power moonroof with tilt, 16-inch alloy wheels, heated power door mirrors and fog lights.

The point is that Fit can serve as far more than just the cheapest way to get from Point A to Point B. While not overly impressive, for instance, Fit's power was adequate, especially once the powertrain got the car up to speed. Acceleration, a challenge for many four-cylinders of course, was only adequate.

Handling of Fit, too, is decent, with a steering-wheel feel that places right in a comfortable sweet spot between overly sluggish and overly responsive. The car with 16-inch wheels turned nicely into corners and allowed some necessary darting through traffic with confidence and ease. However, I didn't like the distortions evident on the edges of the driver's-side mirror, which apparently are supposed to help visibility. Other new models share this flaw.

Honda also has outfitted the interior of fit with a premium feel. An extra nice touch was the provision of tiny



Capacious hatchback and cargo room is a surprising feature.

front side-corner windows that slightly, but significantly, give the vehicle a more open feel. In fact, optimizing its entire "greenhouse" for maximum visibility and the perception of roominess is one of the best aspects of Honda's design of Fit.

On the instrument panel, the gauges are highly visible and arranged well, and the dashboard screen and its functions are more logical than in many vehicles. Electronic amenities include a USB port, a 12-volt power outlet and HDMI cable outlet, plus a Pandora interface.

However, I have a complaint about Fit's controls that, unfortunately, is an increasingly common criticism for new models: There's no volume knob for the radio; that's controlled on the steering wheel or on a highly sensitive bar on the screen. Nor could I find any analog controls

for the climate, or at least none that could be ascertained without delving into the owner's manual. These are unnecessary and even harmful refinements in a car whose budget-minded purchasers, frankly, aren't entitled to expect the absolute latest in electronic interfacing.

Interior room seems more than adequate. In fact, Honda provided four more inches of rear leg room compared with the previous model. Seating for four average-sized adults was comfortable. Thanks to nicely designed rear space, the seats fold flat into the floor and create more cargo room under the hatch. On an autumn trip shopping for fall flora ranging from corn stalks to mums to pumpkins, Fit was up to every bit of the challenge of fitting in all of the plants, although extra-long corn stalks required the rear hatch to be open for a few miles.



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# Town & Country for 2015 loaded with luxury

By Cars.com Staff

The Chrysler Town & Country is related to the Dodge Grand Caravan, but it's the more luxury-oriented of the two minivans. The Town & Country was significantly revised for 2011 with new exterior styling, a substantially revised interior and a new V-6 engine. The seven-seat minivan competes with the Toyota Sienna and Honda Odyssey. Interested customers can find a full inventory of the new vehicles at Al Deeby Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Clarkston.

### New for 2015

Chrysler introduces two new models for the Town & Country for 2015: the LX and Limited Platinum. The LX has leather seats, a backup camera and other special safety features. The Limited Platinum has a sunroof, dual-screen Blu-ray system and other features. A Blu-ray player with HDMI connection is available for all models, however.

Below is a list of highlighted features and not an exhaustive list. Features are standard unless otherwise noted.

### Exterior highlights

- Integrated side-door tracks
- 17-inch aluminum wheels
- Chrome grille
- Power sliding side doors
- Power liftgate

### Interior highlights

- Leather upholstery
- Automatic air conditioning with rear controls
- Second-row seats fold into bins in the floor
- Sliding center console with power outlet
- Rear-seat DVD entertainment system with a 9-inch overhead screen
- Available navigation system
- Available second- and



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third-row retractable window shades

Available front- and second-row heated seats and heated steering wheel

Available power-folding third row

Available wireless internet hot spot

Available dual-screen Blu-ray system

### Under the hood

The 2015 Town & Country features 283-horsepower, 3.6-liter V-6 with 260 pounds-feet of torque and a six-speed automatic transmission. Putting the vehicle in econ mode improves gas mileage by altering shift points and maintaining torque-converter lockup longer. It also features an

available load-leveling suspension.

### Safety features

The new Town & Country has all the safety features required in every new car: front airbags, anti-lock brakes and an electronic stability system. It also has side-impact airbags for the front seats; side curtain airbags for all three rows of seats; and traction control.

Other safety-related items include active front head restraints, a backup camera, power-adjustable pedals, available rear parking sensors and available blind spot warning system with rear cross-path detection.



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## Familiar yet fresh luxury: the 2015 Lincoln Navigator

By Greg Mullin  
Staff Writer

With its iconic blend of style, luxury and performance, the 2015 Navigator delivers everything that made it great — and new levels of quality, design and personal service for active families, said Steve Hunsinger, the sales manager at Jack Demmer Lincoln in Dearborn.

“The Navigator looks both familiar and utterly fresh with a redesigned exterior and interior for 2015, in addition to client-focused technologies and new luxurious appointments to retain its leadership in the full-size luxury SUV market,” Hunsinger said.

Plus, “the Lincoln Navigator offers more technology than ever before to help assist the driver on the daily commute and on family vacations,” he



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said. Available technology includes: Lincoln Drive Control, MyLincoln Touch, a forward-

sensing system, rear-view camera, reverse-sensing system and the Blind Spot Information System.

“It is clear that the 2015 Navigator has set the technology bar to a whole new level,” Hunsinger said.

One of the most exciting differences on the 2015 Navigator is the all-new powertrain, he added.

“The 3.5L EcoBoost powertrain is a turbocharged engine that achieves a balance of power and fuel economy through key technologies,” Hunsinger said. “The twin turbochargers provide power while the direct fuel injection provides better fuel economy and reduces emissions.”

Critics have recognized the Navigator with Best-in-Class honors for its towing, cargo volume and third-row legroom.

Competitors include the Cadillac Escalade, Infiniti QX80 and GMC Yukon Denali. “With the fresh exterior

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